

ISRAEL AND MIDDLE EAST

Rabbis attacked on bastardy cases

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

Neither the Israeli Prime Minister, Mrs Golda Meir, nor her senior colleagues in the Labour Party are yet ready for a showdown with the National Religious Party and the rabbinate, although both sides are certain it will come one day.

When two Bills came before the Knesset last week—one providing for a six-month extension of the terms of office of the Ashkenazi and Sephardi Chief Rabbis, the other establishing the method of election of their successors—Labour Party members were instructed by the whips not to vote against their passage to committee.

This did not prevent many speakers from the Labour benches from making bitter criticisms of the manner in which the rabbinate has handled such issues as conversion, bastardy and its own affairs.

But, having had their say, Labour Party members obeyed instructions on Tuesday night and passed the two Bills.

Also on Tuesday, Mr Dayan, the Defence Minister, hit out at what he termed the "scandalous" behaviour of the rabbinate over the *manzerut* (bastardy) issue. He told Haaretz, the independent daily, that he would "continue to express my view wherever I can."

Mr Dayan added that he had opposed extending the Chief Rabbinate's term of office and looked to changes in the way the electoral college was composed so that there

would be more general supervision of the rabbinate.

He also said that if his party, Labour, tabled a Bill for the introduction of civil marriage in Israel, he would support it, "because I am in favour of civil marriage."

The civil marriage issue was debated in the Knesset last week. Beforehand, the Labour Mapam alignment had forbidden its members to vote in favour of a motion by a State List deputy, Mr Meir Avizohar, which would have permitted civil marriage for those Jews denied marriage by the halacha.

One Labour member, Mr David Coren, was given permission to abstain and two Mapam members voted in favour.

Mr Avizohar was at pains to stress that he favoured the maintenance of halachic requirements for those Jews entitled to marry under Jewish law.

His concern was for those such as *manzerim* (bastards) and others whom the rabbis would not marry and who were thereby denied a basic human right.

The Minister for Religious Affairs, Dr Zerah Warhaftig, could not see what all the fuss was about. There had been some 450,000 marriages in Israel since the establishment of the State, he said. What did it matter if a few hundred fled to Cyprus to contract a civil marriage or were married "by post" by the Mexican authorities?



Left: An Israeli soldier giving a drink of water to an Arab terrorist who fled into Israeli-held territory from Jordan last week to escape from the attacking Jordanian Army. Right: Another soldier bandages up a terrorist wounded in both legs by Jordanian Army troops during their attack last week



Allon urges kindness

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

It was right for Israel to grant asylum to fleeing Arab terrorists, and not return them to Jordan or take revenge on them, Mr Yigal Allon said here on Sunday.

Addressing a meeting at the Hebrew University, the Deputy Premier said that the terrorists did not have to be sent to resorts or regarded as free men, but they should be treated reasonably.

To set in any other way, he continued, would be an act of disloyalty to Israel's whole outlook and would also have far-reaching moral and political consequences. Reflecting on the improved relations with the Arabs of the West Bank, Mr Allon looked to them as a basis on which ties might be established with Arab countries.

Russians try to regain favour in Cairo

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

A top-level Soviet Communist Party delegation has been in Cairo since July 20 and it is considered by expert circles here that the delegation is seeking to restore the standing of the party in the ruling Egyptian Arab Socialist Union. The party suffered a serious setback when President Sadat carried out his series of purges in May.

The delegation is headed by Mr Boris Ponomarev, the secretary of the central committee of the Soviet Communist Party, and includes the secretary of Komsomol, the Soviet Young Communist League, whose main aim is believed to be to cultivate ASU youth.

It is also assumed here that the delegation is empowered to follow up the political talks initiated in Moscow by the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mahmoud Rihad, during his visit to the Soviet Union at the beginning of July.

Sadat and President Nikolai Podgorny agreed, according to the joint communiqué issued towards the end of May after Mr Podgorny's visit to Egypt, to co-operate in the international arena and in establishing a Socialist society in Egypt.

Highest kibbutz

From our Correspondent Balg

The first buildings of the highest kibbutz in the world, situated at the Golan Heights, are nearing completion and the first members of the kibbutz have arrived to begin work on their settlement. The kibbutz, which is to be named after the late Labour leader, Mr Itzhak Tabenkin, lies between Kuneitra and Bukata, 3,000 feet above sea level.

Arabs are moved from Gaza camp

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

Israel's Defence Minister, Mr Moshe Dayan, has long argued that little can be done to prevent the murders inside the Gaza refugee camps until there is some thinning out of their population and an improvement in conditions.

Now, a quiet start has been made on this process.

Twenty families have been evacuated from the Djebeliya camp where the Israeli authorities are building new security roads and sewers.

Most preferred to find their own homes rather than accept the alternatives offered by the authorities. It is understood that they were given the choice of remaining in the Gaza Strip or moving to Sinai towns such as El Arish or to the West Bank.

Compensation is being paid to the evacuated families and steps taken to keep jobs open inside and outside the Gaza Strip for their men.

Gaza employees of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency joined some 100 women and children in a protest demonstration on Tuesday against the transfer of these families, and Unrwa issued

a statement saying that it had agreed to this measure. Other families to be moved from the camp, which has a population of 42,000 families, may be housed in rural settlements where they will have a house and a plot of land to cultivate.

This year alone over 40 inhabitants of Djebeliya have died as a result of terrorist activities. Since the Six-Day War, over 70,000 people have emigrated from the Gaza Strip and northern Sinai to the West Bank and a variety of Arab countries. Among them were 12,000 single men who went to the West Bank.

Another 80,000 went abroad, "temporarily" either to pursue their education or for business reasons. There are no statistics on the number who returned.

In the Gaza Strip, on Sunday morning, Israeli troops clashed with five terrorists and killed them all. The men were armed and were all on the wanted list. On Saturday evening, five terrorists, one of them armed, surrendered to an Israeli patrol on the Golan Heights, infiltrating from Jordanian territory.

Home hits out again over Holy places

From our Correspondent Rome

Italian has fired another salvo in its campaign against what it calls the "Judaisation" of the Holy Places in Jerusalem.

An editorial in the official newspaper, *L'Espresso*, written by Professor Federico Alessandrini, who is a member of the Vatican weekly, *Avvenire*, attacked Israel in the weekly magazine *l'Espresso* from before the 1967 Six-Day

War. In the article, the number of Christians in the Holy Places had decreased by 50 per cent since the Jordanian occupation of East Jerusalem between 1948 and 1967. Professor Alessandrini wrote:

"It is not specified that the Holy Places should not be taken place spontaneously, particularly from that the city occupied by the Muslims."

He accused Israel of having captured East Jerusalem in the Six-Day War of 1967 and of then criticising the Israeli Government for not having taken steps to protect the Holy Places.

"These places over which we have fought and which we have threatened to ourselves again are sacred to all Christians and to all peoples of the world. They are also causing in the minds of the Jews a sense of uneasiness and of the Holy Places."

He said before me now a picture of Jerusalem which was used by the Jordanians to have toilets. Who is this Jordan, this desecrator of holiness, who twice decided in favour of war? With what hands does she assert her allegation?

"Why should we not explain our case? If not to all governments, then at least to the friendly ones among them and to world public opinion as a whole?"

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

Some Christians as well as Muslims, and a sharp reaction to Alessandrini's article.

The Italian Foreign Ministry has pointed out that the Holy Places referred to by Professor Alessandrini, who is a member of the Vatican weekly, *Avvenire*, were in fact from 1948 to 1967 already under Israeli control.

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Too many tourists

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Jerusalem has a record 650,000 tourists before the year is out.

Mr Hanoch Givon, the director-general of the Ministry of Tourism, does not doubt the fact that there are problems of overbooking at some peak periods, especially Passover. But he claims the Hotel Association had so far this summer kept to its undertaking to control the flow of bookings.

Frantic efforts are being made to increase the number of hotel rooms, of which there are at present approximately 12,500 of approved status. Another 7,280 rooms are either in the construction or planning stage, and 2,000 will be ready by the end of this year.

Bonn rebuffs Libyan manoeuvre

From our Correspondent Bonn

Both Mr Willy Brandt, the West German Chancellor, and Mr Walter Scheel, the Foreign Minister, rebuffed a Libyan attempt last week to seek improved relations with Bonn at Israel's expense.

During his visit to Bonn, Major Abdul Salem Jalloud, the Libyan Deputy Prime Minister, hinted that West Germany was dependent on Libyan oil supplies and might, accordingly, reconsider her support for Israel.

The Arabs would regain all territories now occupied by Israel even if it took 20 years, he added. Replying, Mr Scheel said that the West German Government hoped for improved relations with Arab countries, but pointed out that the links with Israel could not be impaired.

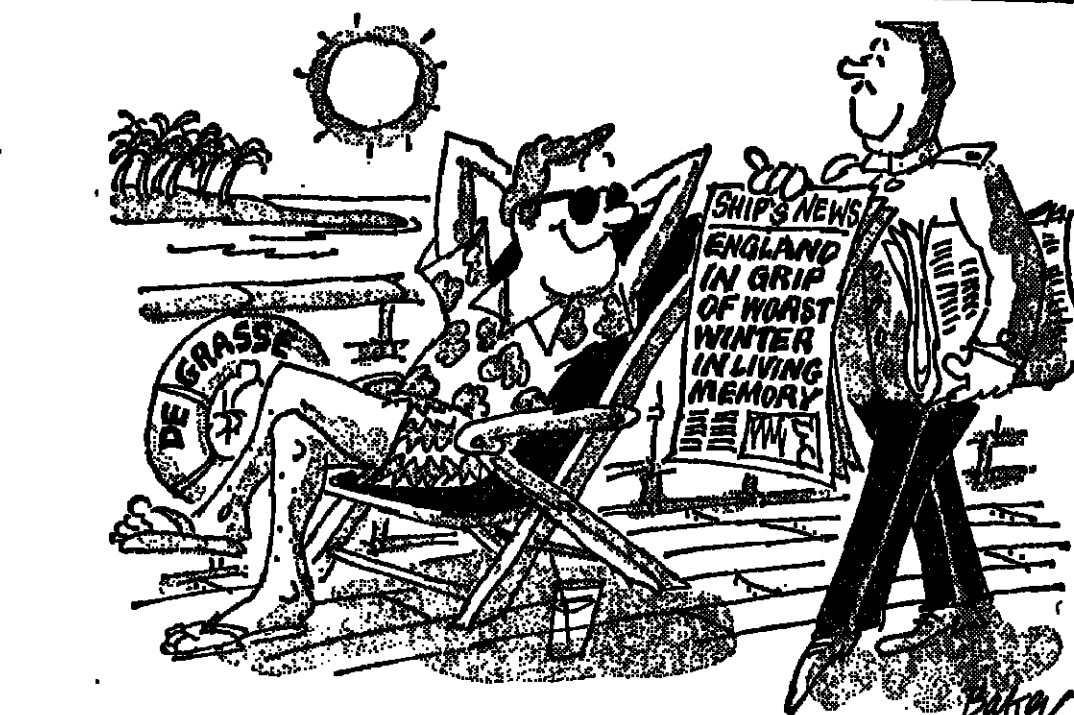
Later Major Jalloud met the Chancellor who explained his view that Middle East peace was possible only on the basis of the existence and security of all peoples in this region.

Civil marriage gains favour

Jewish Chronicle Foreign Staff

Almost half of a representative sample of all Israelis favour the introduction of civil marriage, according to a poll conducted for the Jewish Chronicle by Mr Rafael Gill, the director of Public Opinion Research of Israel Ltd.

A total of 1,192 families was polled, and 49 per cent would like to see civil marriages in Israel, while 43 per cent oppose its introduction. The remaining 8 per cent expressed no opinion.



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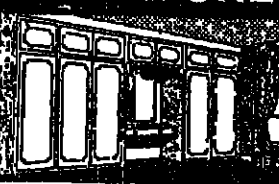
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OVERSEAS NEWS

Soviet Jews sent to notorious camp

From our Special Correspondent on East European Affairs

All 18 Soviet Jews convicted in Leningrad in May and in Kishinev in June, as well as two of the four convicted in Riga in May, have been moved to the notorious Potma labour camp in Moldavia.

Potma which is some 280 miles south-east of Moscow, is where the Soviet-Jewish writer, Yuli Daniel was imprisoned. Conditions there, always very hard, have deteriorated still further during the past five years.

The food rations for inmates are now so meagre as to endanger the physical health of the inmates, and the hardships inflicted on them pose a hazard to their mental well-being.

Miss Ruth Alexandrovich, the 23-year-old nurse sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment in the Riga trial, is one of the two convicted at the trial who have been sent to Potma. She is thought to be the youngest political prisoner in the Soviet Union.

Another Jewish woman serving a labour camp sentence, Mrs. Raiza Palatnik, the 35-year-old Odessa librarian gaoled for two years



Raiza Palatnik

at the beginning of this month, is in bad shape.

Her left hand is partially paralysed and her general health is poor. She is now in solitary confinement for five days for protesting at the squalid, flea-infested cell in which she was first confined.

Mrs. Palatnik's appeal against her sentence is due to be heard on Thursday.

More assimilation

From our Special Correspondent on East European Affairs

Assimilation is one of the factors in the smaller number of Jews shown in the 1970 Soviet census, as compared with the previous one in 1959. Another possible factor is a natural decrease in the Soviet-Jewish population—an excess of deaths over births as an after-effect of the demographic disaster of the Holocaust.

This explanation of the census figures is given by Mr. Ivor J. Millman in an analysis of the preliminary results of the census published by the Institute of Jewish Affairs in London.

Mr. Millman writes that the demographic changes in Soviet Jewry have been patchy.

In the two main Slav republics (Russia and the Ukraine) the Jewish population declined by 7.8 per cent from 1,715,000 in 1959 to 1,585,000 in 1970. In the Western fringe republics (Byelorussia, Moldavia, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia) the Jewish population remained more or less static: 312,400 in 1959 and 312,300 in 1970.

In Central Asia and the Caucasus (an area covering eight

Soviet republics) the Jewish population actually increased by 5.4 per cent, from 241,000 in 1959 to 254,000 in 1970.

There are five recognised Jewish languages in the Soviet Union: Yiddish, Judeo-Georgian, Judeo-Tadzhik (spoken by the Bokharan Jews), Tati (the language of the Daghestani Jews) and Judeo-Krimchak (spoken by the native Crimean Tatar Jews). A total of 380,000 Soviet Jews declared a Jewish language as their native tongue in the 1970 census as opposed to 408,000 in 1959, a decline from 21.5 per cent to 17.7 per cent of the Jewish population.

As 28.8 per cent of Soviet Jews declared that they had a knowledge of a language other than Russian, many must have had a Jewish language in mind when they filled in their census forms.

Altogether, 95 per cent of the 2,161,000 Soviet Jews (according to the 1970 census) have a knowledge of the Russian language. Only 4 per cent at the most have no knowledge of Russian and know only a Jewish language.

UN group returns to its charges

From our Correspondent Geneva

A three-man United Nations group announced here last Friday that Israel's lack of co-operation was a "serious obstacle" in its attempt to investigate charges that Israel was violating human rights in the occupied territories.

The group is submitting a report to U Thant, the UN Secretary-General, after visiting Beirut and Amman. The group has previously complained of Israel's "lack of co-operation".

The group was set up by the UN after the 1968 conference in Tehran on international human rights. It approved a resolution sponsored by Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Spain to inquire into "violations of human rights" in the

territories occupied in the 1967 Six-Day War.

Israel has also condemned the inquiry as one-sided.

Mr. H. S. Amerasinghe, of Ceylon, the group's chairman, said that it had noted that Israel had made known that she possessed documentary evidence to refute all (Arab) charges, including those of torture.

The group has renewed a proposal for the appointment of a protective power by the Arab countries to look after the interests of the people in the occupied territories, as envisaged in the Geneva conventions.

The Arab countries have refused to request this because it would imply recognition of the State of Israel.

The other two members of the group are representatives of Somalia and Yugoslavia.

Militant rabbi to settle in Israel

From our Correspondent New York

Rabbi Meir Kahane has announced plans to go to Israel next month with his wife and two children. Earlier this month, the 30-year-old leader of the Jewish Defence League received a suspended five-year sentence from Judge Jack B. Weinstein and fined \$2,080 when he admitted that he helped to make a explosive device.

Two other JDL members, Chaim Bleher and Mr. Benjamin Cohen, were given three-year suspended sentences and fined \$1,000 each when they pleaded guilty to the same charges.

Placing Rabbi Kahane at the head of the Union Movement, who has been in the south of France, a strong protest against the move was made in a motion picture in the Commons by Mr. George Cunningham, Labour MP for Birmingham, South-West. He declared it as a party political broadcast on behalf of Mosley and exposed confidence that the British people "will treat that discredited leader of Nazi barbarity with contempt his record deserves."

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HOME NEWS

MP protests against Mosley TV feature

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Protests by an MP and by Mr Victor Mishon, chairman of the Board of Deputies defence committee, followed the showing of a documentary programme on all Independent Television channels on Tuesday.

The programme, "A Kind of Exile," produced for ATV by John Brown, was the last of a series of three on people who live in exile. The subject was Sir Oswald Mosley, once leader of the British Union of Fascists and now in the south of France.

Placing Rabbi Kahane at the head of the Union Movement, who has been in the south of France, a strong protest against the move was made in a motion picture in the Commons by Mr. George Cunningham, Labour MP for Birmingham, South-West. He declared it as a party political broadcast on behalf of Mosley and exposed confidence that the British people "will treat that discredited leader of Nazi barbarity with contempt his record deserves."

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Mr Greyville Janner QC, MP, showing passers-by at the Soviet Embassy in London examples of food served to Jews in Russian camps

Ambassador declines prison diet

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Jewish housewives in London have invited the Soviet Ambassador, Mr Mikhail Smirnovsky, to lunch with them. The fare offered is one day's ration served to Jewish prisoners in Russian labour camps.

The Ambassador, not surprisingly, has declined the invitation and did not even look at the meagre portion of food which the 35 Committee of Women displayed on a table outside the embassy gates in Bayswater Road at lunchtime on Monday.

The demonstration was in protest against the persecution of Jews in the Soviet Union. The circus's Manchester appearances passed without demonstrations.

On Monday evening 40 Jews invaded the Fleet Street office of Tass, the Soviet news agency, to protest against the detention of Mr Benito Bruchheim, a Moscow Jew held by the KGB without trial since June 14 following his application to emigrate to Israel.

The demonstrators, who included students and members of local, hung pictures outside the windows and on the walls of the office. They also sent a message to Pre-ident Podgorny in Moscow over Tass' telex machine pleading for the release of Jewish prisoners.

Tass employees left the office immediately the demonstrations appeared. The premises were occupied for about ten minutes before the police arrived and peacefully evicted the protesting Jews.

Mr Greyville Janner, QC, MP, who participated in the demonstration, said that only in Nazi concentration camps were

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Jewish housewives in London have invited the Soviet Ambassador, Mr Mikhail Smirnovsky, to lunch with them. The fare offered is one day's ration served to Jewish prisoners in Russian labour camps.

The Ambassador, not surprisingly, has declined the invitation and did not even look at the meagre portion of food which the 35 Committee of Women displayed on a table outside the embassy gates in Bayswater Road at lunchtime on Monday.

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Egyptian sent for trial in El Al case

By a Correspondent

An Egyptian accused of attempting to obtain money from El Al, the Israeli airline, was committed for trial to Inner London Sessions from Bow Street on Tuesday. He was Ahmed El Kattan, 34, a representative, of South Kensington.

The charge against him alleged that between June 11 and 15 he dishonestly attempted to obtain by deception £3,000 belonging to El Al. He was committed under Section 2 of the Criminal Justice Act. Under this procedure written statements of evidence were read to the court by Mr P. A. Shawdon, prosecuting solicitor.

Mr P. Galsford, for the defence, said that he was not asking for the ban on reporting restriction, to be lifted.

After hearing the statements, Mr Galsford submitted that there was no case to answer. The chairman, Group Captain Gordon Plow, replied that the Bench had found there was a case to go before a jury and El Kattan was committed for trial. Mr Galsford said his client would be pleading not guilty.

El Kattan was allowed bail in his own recognisance of £1,000. A condition of bail was that he must report daily to West End Central police station.

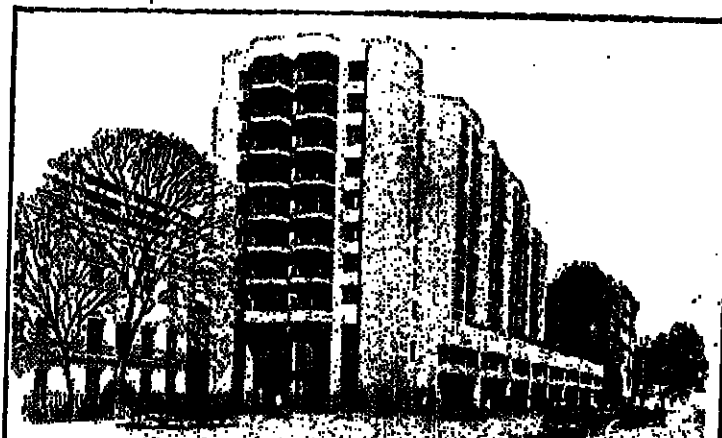
Minister sees deputation

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A deputation of twelve Jews and Gentiles led by Mrs. Amy Ingham, joint vice-president of the International Council of Jewish Women, went to the House of Commons on Tuesday to ask Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, the Minister of Education and Science, to intervene on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

Mrs. Thatcher told the deputation that she viewed the problem with "warm sympathy" and promised to raise the matter once again with the Foreign Secretary, Sir Alec Douglas-Home.

The deputation included two churchmen and representatives of a number of Anglo-Jewish organisations, among them the Board of Deputies, the B'nai B'rith and A.J.E.S.



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Protests against Mosley TV feature

By our Parliamentary Correspondent

Protests for sanctions against Mosley may come before the House of Commons, Lord Canning, Minister without Portfolio, said in the House of Commons on Tuesday.

He was replying to Lord Canning, who had referred to Arab boycotts which had not been submitted to the League of Nations Convention.

Court chairman

Mr Lewis Gasman, of Barnes, chairman of Moritlake magistrates, has been appointed chairman of the new, Richmond-on-Thames Court to be set up on October 1. An assistant deputy chairman of Surrey quarter sessions, Mr Gasman has been a member of Ham, Mitcham and West Molesey Magistrates' Court for many years.

15 foetuses in Jewish wife

From our Correspondent

Doctors have removed 15 foetuses from the womb of Daniela Cavaglia, a 30-year-old married woman, in a procedure which was described as a "sensational example of a pregnancy."

Mrs Cavaglia was seriously after an emergency operation had been undergoing fertility treatment with a hormone drug. She already has one child.

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Mr. S. Klein said that he had heard that the shechita board in-

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The "jubilee seminar" consists of three major courses. One, for advanced students, is conducted entirely in Hebrew at university level with a team of lecturers from both Israel and Britain.

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Two allocations, totalling £22,700, have been made to provide a nursing and old-age home in Rumania and to help the blind in Israel.

The Central British Fund for Jewish Relief and Rehabilitation has made grants totalling 251,000 to help Jews in Eastern Europe, the Middle East and North Africa, including Morocco and Tunisia.

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Golders Green — will be officially opened in October, providing accommodation for 18 girls including students of the Jewish Home.

By REG ROBINSON
our Parliamentary Correspondent

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Major synagogue plan for Leeds

From our Correspondent

A synagogue is at last "more than likely" to be built in the heavily Jewish-populated Alwoodly area of Leeds. This development follows a series of meetings between the honorary officers of the Leeds Jewish Representative Council and the presidents of every Orthodox synagogue in the city.

At stake is the future of the four and a half acres of land in Nursery Lane donated to the community by the Moor Allerton Golf Club.

German medal for woman

Mrs Ilse Joseph, of Heswall, Wirral, received the Officers Cross of the West German Order of Merit in Liverpool last week from the German consul, Mr. Curth Friese.

The award was made in recognition of her efforts to reconcile and promote friendly relations between Jews and Germans.

Mrs. Joseph, who is 71, lost her two children in a concentration camp during the last war. She returns to Germany each year to give Yehon recitals. In the hope, she said, that she could help people to forget the past.

Off to Israel

Twenty-four young people left Portsmouth last week for a three-week visit to Haifa, Portsmouth's twin city in Israel. They were given a civic send-off by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Councillor and Mrs D. A. Darby.

The young people, including non-Jews, will be staying with Israeli families and will visit Jerusalem, Nazareth and Galilee. They will also be guests of the Israeli Navy.

Group leaders are Miss M. Robins, Miss V. Lubin and Mr. J. Obrat.

Although no final decision has been taken, Mr. Harry Brown, president of the Representative Council, indicated to your correspondent that one and a half acres would be used for a synagogue, provided planning permission was granted. He did not say what the remaining three acres would be used for.

One of the results of the present discussions, Mr. Brown stated, was agreement among the synagogue presidents to form a Leeds Council of Orthodox Synagogues. Expressing enthusiasm for the decision, he said that it would "make matters a lot easier" when discussing topics of common concern to all the congregations.

The council would be responsible for determining the size and other features of the proposed synagogue, said Mr. Brown. The major synagogues had now definitely indicated that they wanted to amalgamate and there was "every hope of complete harmony" and the completion of the Street Lane Gardens project.

Glasgow camps

The Lubavitch day camps held in Glasgow under the leadership of Rabbi Chaim Jacobs were attended by a total of 281 children in two successive weeks. Nine Lubavitch leaders from London assisted in the project, which was launched by Mrs Isidore Walton.



Mrs Michael Fidler, wife of the president of the Board of Deputies, with pupils of the King David Primary School, Birmingham, at the school's open day and prize distribution last week

Shechita board 'incompetent'

From our Correspondent

A vote of no confidence in the Manchester Shechita Board for "incompetence and neglect" was called for by a rabbi at last week's meeting of the board.

Rabbi Abraham Jaffe alleged that a shochet who left the board two months ago had done so because he was not satisfied with the kashrut standards and that one of the board's shochtim had advised him to go to the Machzikei Hadass, "where the standard of kashrut was higher."

As tempers became heated the president, Mr. Jack Lopian, adjourned the meeting for five minutes after accusing Rabbi Jaffe of making "slandorous statements." "I expect a higher standard from a member of the Lubavitch," he declared.

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From our Correspondent

The new ohel (prayer-room) at the burial ground of the Stoke-on-Trent Hebrew Congregation was consecrated last week by the Rev S. Olberg, of Manchester. Mr. M. Taylor, the president, thanked Mr. Olberg for his willingness to assist the congregation whenever necessary.

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£52,000 for JNF

The Liverpool JNF Commission raised a record £52,000 in the year ended June 30 last.

Society head becomes principal

From our Correspondent

Rabbi Maurice Young, director of the Society for the Promotion of Jewish Learning in London, which is due to disband this month, has been appointed principal of the Jewish High School for Girls, Salford.

Liverpool-born Rabbi Young takes the place of Rabbi Gabriel Krausz who, as announced last week, has decided to remain with the Manchester Beth Din in preference to becoming principal of the school.

In a statement to the "JC," the school announced that it had agreed to release Rabbi Krausz from his undertaking to become principal because the Beth Din wished to retain his services.

"Conscious of the necessity of putting the needs of the community before those of the

Duke's visit

The Duke of Edinburgh visited the Jewish Ladies' and Girls' Brigade stand at the award scheme exhibition in Manchester last week. He was conducted round the stand by Judy Leon, a silver award winner, and later met the brigade's award scheme officers, Marla Newman and Michèle Beckman, and representative award holders, Leslie Dardick (silver) and Rosalind Cohen (bronze).

school," the statement added, "the governors felt they had no alternative and, with regret, have acceded to the request."

Rabbi Young, aged 35, gained semicha from Liverpool Yeshiva and is a graduate of London University.

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TISHA B'AV

"For I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow." —Jeremiah 31. 12

Black fast turned white

Even the most uncompromising upholders of the status quo in Judaism have not been able to restrain the carnival atmosphere that prevails at the Western Wall on what is traditionally the blackest day in the Jewish calendar—Tisha b'Av—commemorating the destruction of the Temples.

The "black fast" has whitened and repaired. The happy faces of the scores of the young, both observant and non-observant, who mill round the Wall on the eve of Tisha b'Av make a strange juxtaposition with the scrupulous observance of the ancient mourning customs.

Cinemas and other places of entertainment are shut, but



Israelis and tourists join in mixed mourning and festivities at the Western Wall

PROFILE

A Liberal Chasid

Many Americans in Britain, Rabbi Dr. Albert Friedland, has gone native. He has not taken to cricket, but he has gained the disposition of an Englishman.

His manner is calm and deliberate. He is given to understatement. He is dapper and well-dressed. He wears a double-breasted waistcoat with a watch chain across his middle. If he is a bit of a bowler, it is a bowler's bowler.

He is un-English and, indeed, American about him in that he is unabashedly intellectual. His words with great deliberation. Ask how he is and he will give a considered opinion. He has the favour of the Jews and congregants not only in his own synagogue but in the Heidegger or Kierkegaard may miss some of their points, but he is no defeatist. His academic. His spectacles. He is a man of letters. He is a man of letters. He is a man of letters.



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There is talk of the London Jewish Male Voice Choir going to Russia, and a lot of people seem to be getting very hot under the collar about it.

Mr. Victor Hochhauser, the impresario who may organise the tour, cannot understand all this unseemly agitation. Nor can I.

Mr. Hochhauser believes that the enhancement of international understanding may flow from such an artistic odyssey. I agree with him.

Mr. Hochhauser says that "there are no reasonable grounds why the visit of the choir of this calibre should not take place." He also believes that the tour, if it comes off, would be "a very nice idea."

informs me that the Soviet Union is overflowing with synagogues. So there should be no trouble in booking suitable auditoria.

I suggest that the cover of the concert programme should be tastefully embellished with a Shield of David. This need not necessarily be printed in yellow.

I suggest that each of the choir's concerts should open with Hatikvah, and should end with Kachol v'Lavan (Blue and White). These are good Jewish tunes, which deserve to be more widely propagated among the music-loving Russian people.

I suggest that Mr. Hochhauser, whose idealism and lack of desire for financial gain I fully respect, should make clear that all proceeds from the tour will be donated to the Jewish National Fund to assist in the collectivist pioneering work which strikes such a chord—if you will pardon the expression—among the Soviet proletariat and peasantry.

I suggest that a reciprocal visit to London by the Moscow Jewish Male Voice Choir be part of the arrangement. If by some oversight, there does not at present happen to be a Moscow Jewish Male Voice Choir, Mr. Hochhauser could offer facilities for training one.

And I make one final suggestion. This is that the visit should take place on the simple understanding that, for each member of the choir who participates in the tour, one Russian Jew will be released from gaol and allowed to emigrate to Israel.

To quote Mr. Hochhauser's own well-chosen words, "there are no reasonable grounds why this should not take place. It would be a genuine contribution to international understanding. It would also be very nice."

the Wall is open. The faithful smile, seek familiar faces and take part in gay reunions with long-lost friends and even relatives who turn up but, of course, are careful not to use the traditional "Shalom" greeting forbidden in the Codes. Rubber shoes are still a must. So is the prayer bewailing Jerusalem as a city desolate, despoiled and bereft of its sons.

But this does not mean that there have been no voices insisting that the change in atmosphere and historical situation should find legitimate formal expression. Tisha b'Av is the climax of a mourning period that was extended and intensified down the centuries under the impact of persecution and catastrophe.

It is these extensions of mourning that have come in for the most criticism. Rabbi Mordecai Haohen, a leading Jerusalem rabbinic scholar, and Zuriel Admanit, a prominent religious kibbutz thinker, have both gone on record as saying that they saw no duty to mourn for the breaching of the wall of Jerusalem by the Israeli Army in 1967.

"If the Six-Day War and an ingathering of exiles unre-

cedented since the Destruction have any religious significance at all, they immeasurably transcend all the Sefrah and three-week mourning customs as well as the historic fasts, excepting, of course, Tisha b'Av itself," they say.

It was the former Chief Rabbi of the Israel Defence Forces, Rabbi Shlomo Goren (now Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv), who first reworded the Tisha b'Av prayer of Nahem. It reads:

"Comfort O Lord... the mourners of Zion and the mourners of Jerusalem, the city that is joyful and exultant, that is no longer despoiled, no longer desolate but honoured, with her sons having returned to redeem her, as this woman who has given birth and her sons have expelled the legions and Thy people Israel have possessed her."

"Therefore let Zion pray with a voice of joy and be exultant and Jerusalem give forth a voice of thanksgiving and song. O my heart, my heart, how I grieve for the slain of the army of Israel who fell in the liberation of the city! For thou O Lord didst consume her with fire and with fire dost build her..."

But the Chief Rabbinate has officially publicised its opposition to any changes in the liturgy or relaxation of mourning customs. Many will agree with them but many, too, will sympathise with Zuriel Admanit's *cri de coeur*:

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focus NAHAL

Soldier-farmers

The Venezuelan Chief-of-Staff has been visiting Israel where he has been looking at Nahal settlements. Our Jerusalem correspondent explains what these are.

To the untrained eye, the young men and women of Nahal look just like any other serving members of the Israel Armed Forces. You need to look at their hands not their uniforms to know the difference.

They are the hands of young farmers, coarsened, scratched and as tough as a pair of teenagers' hands can be. For farmers are what they are — and soldiers, too.

Nahal, which is an abbreviation of the not-overly attractive term "pioneering fighting youth," draws off some of the best of Israel's youth, long-time members of Scout and similar type movements as well as the children of kibbutzim.

To enjoy Nahal service you also need to crave a challenge, for this is what it provides in a country where pioneering is no longer the most sought-after form of creativity.

A few months of intensive and tough basic Army training are followed by the assignment of groups of young men and women to kibbutzim where, although they continue to



The youthful Commander of Nahal Golan, a 20-year-old Lieutenant, cares for new-born lambs by day and holds infiltrators from Syria at bay at night

live as a unit, subject to Army discipline, they work alongside the farmers in the fields and receive a grounding in the essentials of agriculture.

This on-the-job training lasts for anything up to a year. After that (except that they are still serving soldiers) they are on their own—which can mean reinforcing an already established Nahal settlement in Sinai or setting up their own in the rocky wastes of the southern Jordan valley.

Their frontier settlements, as well as those they have established in the northern desert of Sinai, are an essential part of the Israeli defence system. But they have also served as the base for some striking agricultural achievements. The young crops thrust

security situation allows it—have transformed their base camp into an ordinary kibbutz.

The educational value of the Nahal way-of-life has not been lost on Army chiefs seeking a way to integrate youngsters from deprived and under-privileged homes into the normal fabric of Israel.

An increasing number of these young people are being assigned for some months in the early part of their Army service to Nahal settlements where they find not only a friendly welcome but also, frequently, a sense of purpose.

Nahal units are a uniquely Israeli way of following the Biblical injunction to beat swords into ploughshares.

GEOFFREY D. PAUL

LONG ARM OF MOSCOW

Communism among Arabs



General Secretary of the Sudanese Communist Party, Abdel Khad Mahjoub (right) faces his captor, the restored President Numeiry, shortly afterwards he was executed

The short-lived and abortive coup by Marxist-oriented officers in Khartoum has raised again, in exacerbated form, the old problem of relations between Arab "revolutionary" regimes and Communist Parties.

Some kind of co-existence has been made desirable, if not actually dictated, by the heavy involvement with the Soviet Union and the eastern bloc but none of the régimes has yet come to terms satisfactorily with the issue which has never been far from the surface of political life.

In retrospect it seemed inevitable that it should come to a head in the Sudan, where the Communist Party has, over the years, built up a genuine strength at grass-roots level—not least because of the British authorities' enlightened encouragement of union activity and provision of relatively good education in colonial times.

From the overthrow of General Abboud in 1964 it proved impossible to exclude the Sudanese Communists from the country's political life, and they were represented in the national front governments of 1964 and 1965.

After the "Free Officers" had

seized power in 1969 President Numeiry had little choice but to give the Communists a rôle as a "progressive" force. The proviso was that the party should be disbanded. Following the abortive

coup, Numeiry can be seen to have failed completely in his efforts to absorb the SCP in a common front.

Such an attempt is being made by the Syrian and Iraqi régimes, although without any great success. In both countries the Communist Parties have been submitted to intermittent persecution, but the two Baath parties have felt bound to give them some political recognition.

In Syria, President Hafez Assad is more anti-Communist than the extremist ideologues he ousted from power last November. Two Communists were included in his Cabinet and eight were elected to the People's Council. But Communists remain excluded from the real power centre of the Baath National Command.

This is also true of Iraq, where the Baath congress late in 1969 decided on a dialogue with the Iraqi Communist Party and when President Bakr shortly afterwards appointed as Minister of Justice Aziz Shariif, who was leader of the Shuab Party, the CP front organisation in existence before the overthrow of the monarchy.

Yet relations between the Baath and the CP have remained bad, at least because of differences over internal policy and the régime's rejection of a peaceful solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict (contrary to Moscow's policy). But the basic reason for the failure to integrate has been the refusal of the ruling clique to share power.

For more than a decade Soviet policy has been to encourage local Arab Communist Parties to settle—for the time being at least—their differences with "progressive" Arab Socialists. As a result, the voluntary dissolution of the Egyptian CP into the Arab Socialist Union in 1963 took place smoothly. There it could be said that a national front had been created.

Paradoxically the fusion has probably placed the Marxists in a more influential position in Egypt than in Iraq or Syria, where the organised Communist Parties have been suppressed but not destroyed.

Certainly, President Sadat's struggle with All Sahry's "leftist" this spring found against him some of the hard-line Marxist elements of the Arab Socialist Union.

A reminder of continuing interest in Arab Communism came with the visit to the last week of the Egyptian Secretary-General of the Communist Party, the last of whose exploits was lifted last summer, confirmed by the current visit of a Soviet Communist delegation and the Russian press report of the persecution of Communists in Sudan.

In Jordan, King Hussein has recently relaxed the support of the country's Communist Party in line with Moscow's reported "peaceful settlement" policy.

NEIL PATRICK

We have been asked to point out that the last five paragraphs of the article on Communism in the Arab world were added in the original

OBSCENITY

Giving evidence in the "Oz" obscenity trial Marly Feldman said that the Old Testament was "vicious and vengeful" and "more obscene" than the issue of Oz in question. We asked a leading Anglo-Jewish theologian to comment on the Jewish comedian's obiter dictum.

The story of Cain and Abel.

Pharaoh's daughter having pity on the infant Moses crying in the Nile.

"Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

"Thou shalt not murder."

"Thou shalt not commit adultery."

"And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not do him wrong. The stranger that sojourneth with you shall be unto you as the home-born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt."

"And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corner of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest; thou shalt leave them for the poor and the stranger; I am the Lord thy God."

"And they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-

hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

"It hath been told thee, O man, what is good, and what the Lord hath required of thee: only to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."

Why go on? These passages are just a small sample of the many which have made the Bible the most potent ethical force in human history.

These things are known to everyone except, evidently, to some Jewish comedians.

Undoubtedly there are violent passages in the Bible, too. The truth is that the Bible is not a single book at all but a literature produced over many hundreds of years, reflecting a people's quest for God and the way they found Him through trial and error.

Naturally the Bible contains dark as well as light, lower as well as higher. But how is the higher to be detected? The Jewish answer is through the on-going processes of Jewish history in which the words of the Bible became fruitful in the life of a people.

In the long Jewish tradition of Biblical interpretation and application the "violent" passages became at the most a stern but purely academic warning against apostasy and brutality while the other passages became the words of the living God to be followed as life's guide.

No Jewish teacher has ever suggested, for example, that the Deuteronomic law about stoning a rebellious son to death should be carried out, or has ever ceased from affirming that we follow the Biblical teachings to be compassionate and to pursue justice and righteousness.

"Imitation of God" means for the Jewish teachers: "Just as He is compassionate he thou compassionate; just as He is merciful be thou merciful," never: "Just as He is described as 'vengeful' be thou vengeful."

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The roots of Nazism

ERNEST HEARST

THE GERMAN DICTATORSHIP. By Karl Dietrich Bracher. Weldenfeld and Nicolson. £8.

For the over forty-fives the rise of Hitler and the almost irresistible advance of his tyranny remains an unhealed wound in their consciousness. How could it happen? Can it happen again? These questions obsess, guide and possibly misguide their thinking.

The quest to explain the inexplicable has produced a number of theories which, taking a total view of history like the Nazi phenomenon itself, offer all-embracing answers. To the Marxist, Nazism merely represents the last-ditch defence of moribund capitalism; to the Conservative it confirms the congenital crudities of the "German national character"; while others regard it as a manifestation of our dehumanised, industrial society.

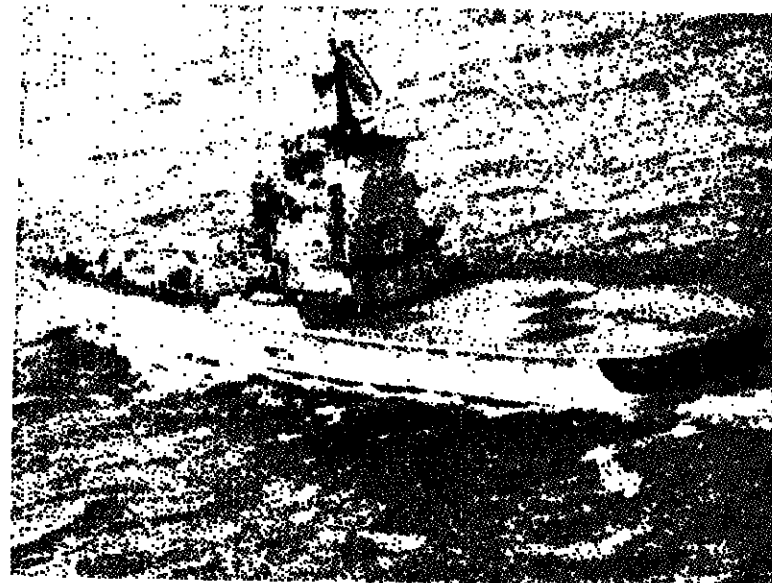
It is the convincingly argued contention of Professor Bracher that none of these explanations is in itself more than a facet of a much compounded of all of them, as well as other political and personal complexities. The advent of Hitler was neither preordained by the logic of history nor implicit in the peculiarities of the German mind.

Admittedly a deep-rooted German attachment to autocratic rule, to the *Oberkellertum*, of which Thomas Mann could still say in 1918: "It is and will remain the form of government suited to, deserved, and basically liked by the German people," eased the *fuehrer's* way to power. And so did antisemitism, "the core, probably the only genuine" fanatically held and realised conviction of his entire life."

Professor Bracher devotes two chapters to it, one tracing its political origins back to the part it played in the German and Austrian Empires and one dealing with the Holocaust, which was already prefigured in the intentions of its nineteenth-century precursors.

It involved, as the author proves, not only the SS executioners, but also the army, civil service, foreign ministry, etc., in short, the entire administrative establishment.

The concluding chapters assess the chances of a Nazi revival in post-war Germany. The rise of the NPD is viewed with concern, and its recent electoral decline, given the continuing popularity of inflammatory Right-wing papers and literature, is not regarded as final. The alliance between a completely immoral nationalism and his countrymen's predilection for authoritarian government still threatens, in Professor Bracher's view, the frail plant of German democracy.



The Soviet helicopter carrier Moskva which spends much of its time in the Mediterranean. From "Russia Looks to the Sea," a study of the expansion of Soviet maritime power by David Fairhall, to be published by Andre Deutsch (£3.95) on August 19

In the theatre

CHARLES LANDSTONE

KAFKA AND THE YIDDISH THEATRE. By Evelyn Torton Beck. University of Wisconsin Press. \$12.50.
THE DRAMATIC WORLD OF HAROLD PINTER. By Katharine H. Burkman. Ohio State University Press. \$8.

One of the earliest of detective novels, written in Victorian days, was "The Moonstone," and the popularity of this tale by Wilkie Collins persisted for well over half a century after it first appeared. In this book, as I remember, was a comedy butler whose bible was "Robinson Crusoe," and whatever happened he would always find a passage in his favourite work which had foretold the event which had just taken place.

I am reminded of this character by the efforts of Evelyn Torton Beck to prove the impact of the Yiddish Theatre on the work of Franz Kafka. The most trivial incidents and sentences are highlighted and portentous comparisons are drawn with contemporary Yiddish Theatre plays in order to demonstrate their effect on Kafka's writings. The main weight is placed on the accepted fact that for about 18 months before Kafka's breakthrough as a writer in 1912 (at the

age of 28) he was a frequent visitor to the Yiddish Theatre in Prague, although his upbringing, in accordance with the times, had been that of a non-Orthodox Central European, who was more German than Jewish.

Miss Beck goes to great length to try to trace the Yiddish Theatre influence on Kafka's story "The Judgement" (in which, incidentally, the word Jew is never mentioned), but the evidence to my mind is most fragile and the theory is far fetched. This work is a lavishly printed example of indiscriminate American scholastic patronage.

Another such example is the Pinter work. Much as I admire Harold Pinter (and I do admire him sincerely) I feel that it is far too early in his career to submit his work to a detailed scholastic analysis. No doubt both these books started life as university theses—such as they should have remained.

MISCELLANY

Judaism and the Early Christian Mind, by Robert L. Wilken (Yale University, £3.95). A modern guide to the polemical writings of Cyril, patriarch of Alexandria, who lived in the fifth century and fought a running theological battle against Judaism. The author's thesis is that much of early Christian thought was shaped by the need to refute the Jews and to combat Judaism within the church.

How to Live in the Present Time, by Haim Kamehman (W. H. Allen, £2.95). A modern guide to the perplexed by the complexities of twentieth-century existence. An American rabbi reaffirms his faith in the love of God and the goodness of man.

Two faces

ANNE FRANKEL

THE DUAL IMAGE: A Study of the Jew in English Literature from the Middle Ages until the present day. The Jew has been seen both as the embodiment of the devil (and made a grotesque figure as a consequence), and as a saint or hero, nobly carrying the burden of his suffering and exile.

The most commanding image of the Jew is, of course, the negative one. When we think of the Jew in English literature we think of Shylock, of the greedy Jew of Malta in Marlowe's play, of Fagin in "Oliver Twist."

Professor Fisch notes that the more positive aspect of the Jew has become increasingly prominent. The Romantic poets found in the isolated figure of the suffering Jew a suitable symbol for their own feelings of alienation, and so it has been till the present day when the Jew ironically has become "everyman" with alienation becoming such a widespread phenomenon.

Recent Mayflower paperbacks include Tim Svin's *The City of Dreadful Night* (7s. 6d.); Sam Illeguett's *A Picture to Hang on the Wall* (9s. 6d.); and the saga of the Spanish Civil War, by Stephen D. Frances (5s.).

Six Sundays in January, by Arnold Wesker (Cape, £1.05). A collection of Wesker's short stories and plays and pieces written for radio.

ENTERTAINMENTS—continued from previous page

Revolts—hard & soft

DAVID NATHAN

The surface slogan of Maxim Gorky's *Enemies*, given a meticulous production by the Royal Shakespeare Company at the Aldwych Theatre, could be "Long Live the Revolution!" The ironic sub-text, unknown to Gorky, unperceived by the Russian authorities for whom the play is now an established classic, is "Long Live the Secret Police!"

For this is an account of the events leading to the Russian revolution, an impassioned eloquent denunciation of the exploitation of the workers and the feudal superiority-complex of the masters supported in their privileges by Tsarist instruments of oppression, not least of which is the secret police.

Writing in 1908, Gorky did not have access to the truism that, whatever the régime, no secret policeman is ever unemployed for long.

The play is undoubtedly a work of propaganda but Gorky was too good a writer, the Royal Shakespeare players too proud a company and David Jones too perceptive a director to leave it at that.

It is, as Wellington said in a different context, a damn close-run thing, but whenever the workers threaten to get too noble, a trace of doubt creeps in, and the bosses who, on the whole, deserve every bullet they get, are human enough for their dilemma to be of some concern.

With the exception of the factory owner who gets shot in the course of the play, they are seen more as victims than villains of the system they have inherited.

Very fine performances come from all the company, but notably from John Wood as an alcoholic member of the gentry who foresees the collapse of the old order; from Sara Kestelman as the vengefully implacable widow of the shot man; from Philip Locke distraught and panicky as he reneges on his liberal principles; from Helen Mirren as a languorous actress and Mary Rutherford as a girl impassioned by the workers' cause.

An altogether softer side of revolution is displayed in the Chichester Festival Theatre's revival of Robert E. Sherwood's 1930 play *Reunion in Vienna*.

Here a deposed and exiled Hapsburg Archduke returns to Vienna to attempt to resume a relationship with his former mistress, now happily married to an eminent psychiatrist. He is supposed to be madly attractive, and Nigel Patrick does his best. But for an object of admiration he has the manners of an alligator and the morals of an alley-cat.

Margaret Leighton charges her role as the object of his faddy desires with fragile and sad reminders of past romance, and Michael Aldridge, as the husband, is notable as the only man in the play who has any real and innate dignity.

Spawning ground for the most potentially violent revolution of all is powerfully depicted in *Boesman and Lena* at the Royal Court Theatre Upstairs. The play, written and directed by South African, Athol Fugard, is the only contemporary work of genius to be seen in the London theatre.

Hatred

Boesman and Lena are two "Coloureds" who scuffle for existence on rubbish dumps, the white man a distant, unseen creator of their misery. An encounter with a blacker man further down the social scale enables Boesman to treat him with the hatred and violence he himself has suffered.

It is a superb demonstration of the South African sickness, of the fact that persecution breeds degradation and more persecution in a nightmare pecking order which permeates an apartheid-based society from top to bottom. It was —is—a factor not unknown in the concentration camps of Europe.

The acting, by Zakes Mole, Yvonne Bryceland and Blake Moutspan, fulfils the writing and there could be no higher praise. At the fortune Theatre, *Look No Hands*, by Lesley Storm, is an insubstantial comedy saved by the presence of Harry Towh as a Jewish film producer.

The part is not without its clichés but Harry Towh with many an *oy gevalt!* is a picture of desperately comic resignation as he sees his contracted star get involved in a child molestation case.

As the star (Ed Bishop) is the former lover of the girl's mother (Janet Munroe) and a friend of her father's (Gerald Flood) and had no intention of molesting the child, it is a lot of trivial fuss about a non-event.

THE WILSON MEMOIRS

Six-Day War 'caused' £ devaluation

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

America urged Britain to take the lead in diplomatic manoeuvring aimed at avoiding a Middle East war in 1967, according to Mr. Wilson, Prime Minister at the time. In his book, "The Government 1964-1970—A Personal Record," published by the Penguin Press, Mr. Wilson indicates that the then President Johnson had been concerned about unfavourable public opinion in America and

had to get more deeply involved in the conflict. During his visit to Washington in 1967, Mr. Wilson found that Johnson was anxious that, for his own domestic reasons, he should take the lead and give support for proposals by the international assurances given to Israel for free access to the Gulf of Akaba and Straits of Tiran.

According to Mr. Wilson, President Johnson took this line because he was so heavily committed in the USA public opinion any

time the President also detected a stand which the Americans might take. His emphasis on support there for Israel, had found "unexpected" and even resisted. But a change of mind occurred after the Senators' Congressmen received their mail, particularly from where the Jewish vote was

in the 1967 Middle East crisis, Wilson concluded that "the situation needed us more than we needed them."

Wilson also provides some background to France's sudden

pro-Arab switch in 1967. During a meeting in Paris soon after the Six-Day War, President de Gaulle emphasised that as France was "on reasonably good terms" with many Arab States, there was no reason "to ruin its relations with the Arabs, merely because public opinion felt some superficial sympathy" (de Gaulle's phrase) for Israel because she was a small country with an unhappy history.

De Gaulle suggested to Mr. Wilson that Britain had no reason to do so either. He pointed out that, while Britain, the USA and the Soviet Union "had created the State of Israel," France had merely "accepted it."

World war fear

At that time Mr. Wilson found de Gaulle "more depressed than I had ever seen him. He believed that we were nearing a world crisis, that war—world war—could be very near."

In de Gaulle's view, "no one was really in charge of the situation any longer, nor would it be possible until the lessons of the disastrous conflict between Israel and the Arabs had really sunk in."

Mr. Wilson suggested that "a more positive view would be to work for a solution whereby all Arab States would recognise Israel's right to exist and her right



Mr. Wilson and his then Foreign Secretary, Mr. George Brown (left) with the late Mr. Levi Eshkol (centre) during the Israeli Premier's visit to London in January, 1968

to enjoy freedom of navigation through the Straits of Tiran—and also through the Canal—while at the same time the Arabs would receive satisfaction of their claims as regards the settlement of refugees." De Gaulle replied that "this may be so, but any such settlement lies a long way ahead."

The former Prime Minister in his book shows an understanding of Israel's dilemma in the tense weeks before the Six-Day War. "What is not in doubt is that the UAR military posture, with its loud orchestrated propaganda support, looked to the Israelis like a formidable threat of imminent invasion."

The British Cabinet at the time, "though several ministers were committed friends of Israel and of Israeli leaders," was unanimous in urging the utmost restraint on Israel, "while doing everything possible by direct diplomatic pressures and at the UN to urge similar pressure be put on the Arab countries by those in a position to influence them."

Mr. Wilson regarded the Middle

East crisis as "the biggest contributing factor" in the devaluation of the pound in November, 1967. The closure of the Suez Canal was costing Britain £20 million a month on its balance of payments, and "no less serious was the loss of Middle East oil."

Vulnerable position

From a strong and improving balance-of-payments position before the Six-Day War, Britain returned by the autumn to a vulnerable position. "Without the impact and continuing effects of the Middle East crisis, we could have weathered these [domestic] disturbances without a grave deterioration in confidence in the pound."

Turning to more recent events, Mr. Wilson indicated that, following publication of the Rogers' peace plan in late 1969, the British and Israeli Governments held a similar attitude to rejecting concessions to the Arabs before meaningful peace negotiations began.

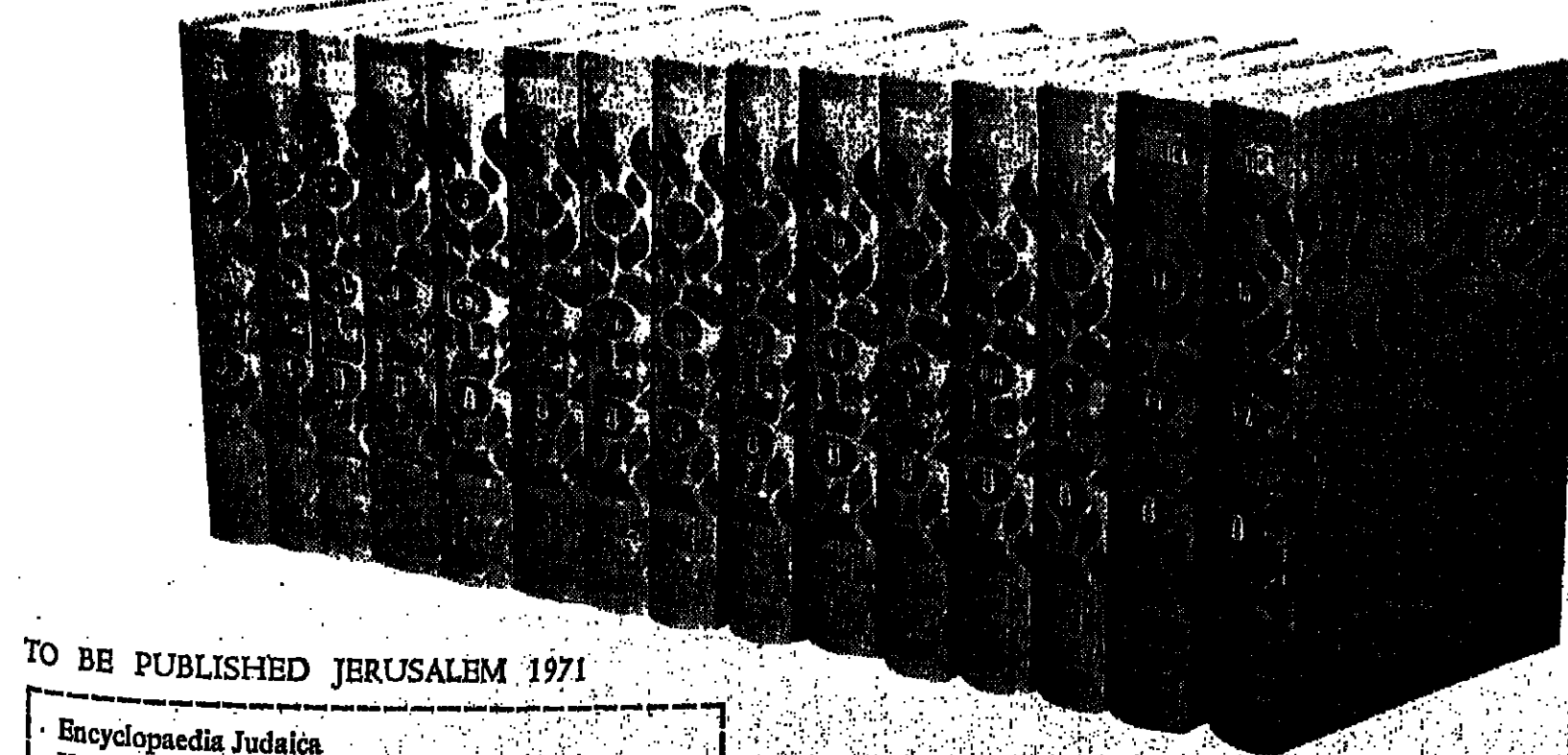
Of his meeting with President Nixon in January, 1970, Mr. Wilson dismissed the notion that he was "conceding points to the Arabs. Were we to do so, the Arabs and their Soviet friends would simply pocket any concessions which they were offered and, accordingly, raise their starting bid in the negotiations when the final crunch came."

Two notable omissions in Mr. Wilson's almost diary-like recollections of his term as Prime Minister were references to the United Nations Security Council resolution of November, 1967, and to the protracted negotiations regarding sales of Chieftain tanks to Israel.

The book throws no further light on the authorship of the UN resolution which has recently become a centre of controversial statements by British and American diplomats. On the tank deal, Mr. Wilson mentions only that he had talks about it with Mr. Yigal Allon, Israel's deputy Prime Minister, and that the subject took up "a great deal of my time and that of the Cabinet defence committee."

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social and personal

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ABRAM.—A daughter was born on July 23, 1971, to Mrs. and Mr. Howard Abram. (First grandchild for Hettie and Sydney Abram.)

ATKIN.—A daughter (Louanne) was born on July 27, 1971, at Bushey Maternity Hospital, to Jackie (née Fox) and Philip Atkins, of 35 Vethersall Drive, Stanmore, Middlesex. (Third grandchild for Sadie and Judah Fox; first grandchild for Freda and Joe Atkin; another great-grandchild for Mrs. Rachel Fox; and first grand-grandchild for Mrs. Sophie Karpas.)

BARBER.—A daughter (Clara Anne) was born on July 21, 1971, to Lorna and Ronnie Barber, of 8 Redcliffe Gardens, Ilford. (A sister for Susan; another grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Barber; and another great-grandchild for Mrs. R. Cohen.)

BARON.—A son (Nicholas Spencer) was born on July 21, 1971, to Adrienne (née King) and Derek Baron, of 15 Rivington Avenue, Woodford Green, Essex. (First grandchild for Betty and Jack King; third grandchild for Lily and Alf Baron; first grand-grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. H. Kinsler.)

BERNITZ.—A daughter (Sasha Deborah) was born on July 21, 1971, at the Middlesex Hospital, W. to Laurence (née Wolman) and Philip Bennett, of 18 Wycherley Crescent, Barnet, Herts. (A sister for Jason; first grandchild for Maurice and Stella Wolman; and Joe and Sadie Bennett.)

BERAN.—A son (Jason) was born on July 21, 1971, to Janet (née Shocket) and Peter Beran, of 11 Fabian Crescent, Shireley, Solihull. (First grandchild for Pearl and David Shocket; first grandchild for Freda and Rudi Beran; a great-grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. P. Beran; and Mrs. B. Beran and Mrs. R. Shocket.)

BERGER.—A son (Matthew Grant) was born on July 23, 1971, at the Avenue Clinic, N.W.3, to Angela (née Myers) and Michael Berger, of The Crooked Usage, N.3.

BLACK.—A daughter (Anne Veronica) was born on July 21, 1971, to Ruth (née Lambert) and Michael Black, of 55 Wynegate, Southgate, N.14. (A sister for Helen; fourth grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. J. Lambert.)

COLEMAN.—A daughter (Rochelle Sharon) was born on Friday, July 23, 1971, at the Middlesex Hospital, London, W.1, to Adrienne (née Bull) and Paul Coleman, of 131 Royal Way, Kenton, Middlesex. (First grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Nat Coleman and Councillor and Mrs. John Bull; first grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. R. Bull and Mr. and Mrs. J. Baran; first grand-grandchild for Mrs. Pearl Wax.)

CONN.—A son (Oliver Simon) was born on July 23, 1971, to Laura (née Symonds) and Mervyn Conn, of Dairy Walk Cottage, 32 Burghley Road, London, S.W.19. (First grandchild for Philip and Lillian Conn; sixth grandchild for Bernard and Eileen Symonds.)

DOWELL.—A daughter (Helen Sasha) was born on July 23, 1971, to Adele (née Joseph) and Terry Dowell, of 32 Highfield Gardens, Westcliff. (A sister for Perry; second grandchild for Louis and Ann Joseph; fifth grandchild for Ron and Joan Dowell.)

ECKHARDT.—A son (Jamie Daniel) was born on July 16, 1971, to Linda (née Niederberg) and David Eckhardt, of 3 Embury Court, Wellington Road, N.W.8. (First grandchild for Paul and Betti Niederberg; third grandchild for Alf and Laura Eckhardt.)

FRIEDMAN.—A son (Paul) was born on Saturday, July 24, 1971, to Linda Wing, St. Mary's Hospital, W.2, to Moraine (née Hill) and Malcolm Friedman, of 28 Hill Close, Stanmore. (A brother for Simon; second grandchild for Frances and Sidney Rose; and Anita and Louis Friedman; second grand-grandchild for Mrs. Sarah Cohen.)

RABIN.—A daughter (Tina Eloise) was born on July 23, 1971, to Eunice (née Weisfeld) and Lenny Rabin, of 15 Edgeware Lane, Edgeware, Middlesex. (A sister for Andrew; another grandchild for Anna and Arthur Weisfeld and Alice Rabin and the late Annie Rabin.)

ROSEN.—A son (Darren Howard) was born on Sunday, July 25, 1971, at Barking Maternity Hospital, to Philippa (née Solomon) and Stuart Rosen, of 44 Hillington Gardens, Woodford Green, Essex. (First grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. H. Solomon; first grand-grandchild for Mrs. N. Solomon; another great-grandchild for Mrs. F. Rosenkranz.)

SEAGER.—A daughter (Sara Renate) was born on July 21, 1971, in Toronto, to Janis (née Rapoport) and David Seager, of 133 Chipwood Crescent, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada.

SHAW.—A son (Robert Simon) was born on July 23, 1971, to Jill (née Jones) and David Shaw, of 5 Canons Close, Canons Drive, Edgeware, Middlesex.

SHEPHERD.—A daughter (Annette Marika Helena) was born on July 23, 1971, to Anne-Marie and Malcolm Shepherd, of 3 Cedar-Croft Close, Cardiff. (A sister for Jonathan.)

STEIN.—A son, Dov Joseph (27 1/2 lbs), was born on July 13, 1971, to Zuzana (née Roudavsky) and 3 Melvin Hall, Golders Green Road, N.W.11.

SUTTON.—A son (Aaron Marcus) was born on July 23, 1971, at St. James's Hospital, W.2, to Mary (née Bartick) and Bernard Sutton, of 63 Arthur Court, Queensway, W.2. (Fourth grandchild for Colman and Blanche Bartick; fifth grandchild for Alf and Bessie Sutton.)

TEFF.—A daughter (Victoria Louise) was born on July 21, 1971, to St. James's Hospital, to Vivienne (née Llewellyn) and Ian A. Teff, of 1 Sandmoor Drive, Leeds, 17. (A sister for Alexandra Rachel.)

WALTERS.—A daughter (Liza Michelle Paula) was born on July 23, 1971, to Dawn (née Northman) and David Walters, of 12 Sunningdale Park, Cavendish, Belfast, and Sandra June, elder daughter of the late Bunty Walters, of 16 Glenmore Avenue, Swansea, S. Wales, great daughter of Mrs. Cecily Bernat, of Glasgow.

ZAGE.—A daughter (Suzanne Frances) was born on Friday, July 16, 1971, to Lydia and Barry Zage, of 6 Dimes Court, St. Edmund's Terrace, London, N.W.6. (First grandchild for Doris and Gabriel Newman and Essie and Alfred Zage.)

ZALUD.—A son was born on July 21, 1971, at Park House Nursing Home, Waterloo, Liverpool, 22, to Barbara (née Rose) and Norman Zalud, of 17 Belvedere Road, Alnwick, Northumberland. (First grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Mark Rose and the Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Zalud.)

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

Mr. T. P. BROD and Miss L. S. SCHWARTZ

The engagement is announced between Thomas Brod, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Brod, of 28 St. James's Place, S.W.1, and Linda Susan, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Springer, of 41 Ramfild Road, N.W.2.

Mr. R. M. BUTTERWORTH and Miss M. E. KAUFMAN

The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Frances and David Butterworth, of 33 Exeter Road, Southgate, N.14, and Mary Kaufman, of 31 Osidge Lane, Southgate, N.14, granddaughter of Mr. Hyman Gould.

Mr. A. S. EPSTEIN and Miss M. Y. MALIN

The engagement is announced between Anthony Spencer Epstein, A.C.A. son of Sally and Sid Epstein, of 12 Green Verger, Marsh Lane, Stanmore, and Michelle Yvonne, only daughter of Sylvia and Archie Malin, of 27 Haslemere Gardens, N.3.

Mr. M. A. B. FRIEDMAN and Miss J. BROWN

The engagement is announced between Michael Anthony Barry Friedman, B.Sc. (Econ.), son of Carry and Mark (Edie) Friedman, of 108 Mayfield Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, and Judith, daughter of Bim and Mark Brown, of 192 Empire Avenue, N.15.

Mr. A. FROMMER and Miss R. KINOS

The engagement is announced between Alan, son of Mrs. Rebecca Frommer and the late Max Frommer, of 18 Kinross Court, Finchley, N.5, and Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Kinog, of Moarstrat 20, Antwerp, Belgium.

Mr. A. R. JAY and Miss B. P. BENJAMIN

The engagement is announced between Alan Ross, son of Renee and Bertha Jay, of 40 St. Annes Road, Canvey Island, Essex, and Barbara Philippa, daughter of Betty and Byma Benjamin, of 40 Kenton Gardens, Kenton, Harrow, Middlesex.

Mr. L. KING and Miss B. E. CHAPMAN

The engagement is announced between Leon, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael King, of 7 Norcott Road, N.16, and Beverly Elizabeth, only daughter of Almy and Maurice Chapman, of 24 Ashwood House, Hendon, N.W.4.

Mr. E. C. B. MORAY and Miss I. V. SGOUL

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Mr. R. M. MONROE and Miss R. A. ROBIN

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Mr. L. S. MOSS and Miss V. MASON

The engagement is announced between Leonard Moss, L.B., young son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Moss, of 46 Millbank Grove, New Cross, S.E.14, and Valerie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Mason, of 28 Trudy Mason, of 28 Allington Road, Hendon, N.W.4.

Mr. P. S. NELKIN and Miss M. S. ABRAHAM

The engagement is announced between Peter Nelkin, A.C.A., son of Rose and Sidney Nelkin, of 3 Nottishill Heights, Great North Road, N.2, and Michelle, daughter of Nottishill and the late Ben Abraham, of 14 Ormesby Way, Kenton, Middlesex, granddaughter of Mr. J. Masbaum.

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The engagement is announced between Harry Ronald Perez, elder son of Emil and David Perez, of Devonshire Crescent, N.W.7, and Gillian Marcela, elder daughter of Muriel and Seymour Springer, of 8 Oaklands Road, N.W.11.

Mr. H. A. SANDMAN and Mrs. S. J. WINNER

The engagement is announced between Howard Anthony, only son of Sydney Sandman and the late Betty Sandman, of 12 Sunningdale Park, Cavendish, Belfast, and Sandra June, elder daughter of the late Bunty Walters, of 16 Glenmore Avenue, Swansea, S. Wales, great daughter of Mrs. Cecily Bernat, of Glasgow.

Mr. G. J. WHITE and Miss C. T. CRYSTAL

The engagement is announced between George Joseph White, B.Sc. (Eng.), (Hon.), son of Gail and Marcus White, of 31 Ruskin Gardens, Harrow, Middlesex, and Corina Toobah, daughter of Marion and Leo Crystal, of 57 Ashbourne Road, Ealing W.5, granddaughter of Michael Isaac.

Mr. B. ABRIEL and Miss S. F. MAIR

The marriage will take place at August 18, 1971, at Rosh Pine Synagogue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, between Brian Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Abriel, of Flat 43, Eddiesburgh House, Maida Vale, London, W.9, and Seema, youngest daughter of Mrs. Sally Gherman, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Mr. D. A. B. FRANKLIN and Miss N. J. KILMER

The marriage will take place at December between David Benjamin Franklin, son of Alfred Benjamin Franklin, of 84 Halden Road, Woodside Park, N.12, and Norma Jane Kremer, daughter of Henry and Norma Kremer, of 36 Widdington Road, Finchley, N.2.

Mr. P. LEDERMAN and Miss S. C. H. GREENFIELD

The marriage will take place at September 8, 1971, between Paul Lederman, A.C.A., only son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bernard Lederman, of 6 Sonita Court, Whitehouse Lane, Edgeware, Middlesex, and Sandra Carole, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Greenfield, of 99 Berkeley Court, London, N.W.1.

MARRIAGES

Mr. J. KAPLAN and Miss D. RAY

The marriage was celebrated at Chicago, U.S.A., on July 23, 1971, between Joel Kaplan, B.A., P.I.D., son of Mr. and Mrs. David Kaplan, of Chicago, and Doreen, daughter of Mrs. Doreen Ray, of Eton Road, N.W.3, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rachel Freedman, of Finchley, N.2.

TOMBSTONE CONSECRATION

KORIN.—The memorial stone for the late Korin, who died on August 13, 1970, at the age of 77, will be consecrated at Sunday, August 15, 1971, at 3.30 p.m.

IN-MEMORIAM

CAWSON, Gerald.—Our sympathies to the family who lost us a dear father, who left us on Sunday, August 13, 1971, at the age of 77. Always loved and remembered by his children, John and Sandra.

INCIDENTALLY

Comic man

For such a small, weedy man, Woody Allen has an awful lot of comedy in him. Allen is in London for a few days to help to launch "Bananas," his latest film, which he directed, starred in and had a role.

Allen keeps on writing films and acting in them, making records, working as a stand-up comic. A book of 17 funny pieces which originally appeared in the New Yorker magazine will soon be published here. It is already out in America.

Five of the pieces are Chasidic-style stories — original Woody Allen works which both use and parody the Chasidic tradition of anything. "I have always relied on a Jewish subject," said Allen. "I tried not to lean too heavily on them, as most of the people in the U.S. aren't Jewish. But in my book, play or record album, I've done those are Jewish pieces."

Allen looked puzzled: "I can't figure out," he said, "why Jews are so much caught up in the comedy business."

Keeping fit

Mr. Kenneth H. Bennett, who has been the Friends of the Hebrew University for 21 years' service as assistant secretary and lately as secretary to become executive director of the British Council of the Hebrew University, must be one of London's most enthusiastic sportsmen. He has a passion for squash and at the age of 53 has won numerous sessions a week.

It is due to his enthusiasm that the Hebrew University has two air-conditioned squash courts, and the university has honoured him for his services by naming a scholarship after him.

He must be one of the youngest-squash grandmasters in London and he attributes his youthful looks and lean figure to squash. He believes squash is a wonderful sport and many a time has he tried to persuade me to join him. But he has this warning: "You should not play squash—or for that matter any strenuous game—when you are young. I would not advise anyone of my age to play as much as I do. Try golf or a little mile trotting..."

USA friends

Mr. Shaul Ben-Chaim, Israel's new ambassador to Washington, is on a brief visit to London this week. He loves London because for years he was the correspondent of the Israeli newspaper, Maariv, here.

He built up a large circle of friends. Now on loan to the Israeli Foreign Ministry, he has done well in difficult circumstances to explain the Israeli point of view. And he is not at all pessimistic about Israeli-American relations.

He told me: "We hear a lot of stories about criticism of Israel, but in fact there is great sympathy for Israel in the United States. Towards Israel. I recently made an analysis and found that in the American press there are five articles praising Israel for every one which voices any criticism."

City change

"A magazine which humanises the City" is the description given by editor-in-chief Mr. Peter Carvell to the new Investors Review. Established in 1892 and now in its 79th year, the IR is being launched in a completely revised form on July 30 by its new owners, the Buitell Publishing Group.

Recently acquired from Websters Publications by Mr. Martin Green and Mr. Stephen Barclay, the Investors Review plans to become a larger publication, covering more of interest in the City.

"The City has a number of respected journals of record," says Carvell, "but we feel there is a need for another magazine which is rather more maverick in its approach to finance. We want the new IR to be a pleasure as well as a duty to read."

Vivid epic

Actor and author David Kossoff has returned from Israel having gathered a mass of material about Masada, the mountain fortress where one of the most heroic and tragic stands in history took place. When the Jews found that all their resistance to the besieging Roman troops would be in vain, they took their own lives and those of their wives and children rather than surrender.

Mr. Kossoff, who is writing a book for Valentine, Mitchell about the Masada epic, intends to make it "imaginative history." The story will be told through the mouths of some of the Masada survivors as well as their Roman conquerors. But the narrative will be strictly in accordance with ascertained facts.

Most of the book, Mr. Kossoff tells me, will be written in his dressing room at the London Palladium! He will be appearing there in a pantomime.



A romance or just good friends? Mr. Lou Boyer, a 73-year-old wealthy Los Angeles widower and philanthropist, greeting Mrs. Golda Meir, the Israeli Premier. There have been reports that Mr. Boyer proposed to Mrs. Meir but this was described as "ridiculous" by her secretary.

Long sit

By being re-elected chairman of the London Labour Mayors' Association, Alderman Sir Samuel Fisher has created a record. This organisation was created in 1920, when Labour Mayors were first elected in London. Mr. Harold Wilson, though not a former Mayor, is an honorary life member. But Sir Samuel has a special distinction. He has held the post of chairman since 1953, longer than anyone.

No company

Newly-arrived Russian-Jewish settlers are encountering strange practices in Israel. One family of five, when shown into their new flat, promptly moved their belongings into one room — the same living area they had occupied in Riga. "But all four rooms are for your family!" the housing man said, surprised. "All for us? But I'll be bored to death if I stay alone in the kitchen!"

Jobniks

Israelis have never had a high opinion of civil servants and they tell this story to prove it. A certain Government department in Jerusalem engaged an efficiency expert. The first morning he came to room 9, knocked on the door and went in to find the man inside sipping a glass of tea and reading the morning paper. "What do you do here?" he asked politely. "Nothing," barked the other, to get rid of him. Outside he noted down the question and reply, and then knocked and entered room number 10. The same scene, the same reply. He went outside, carefully noted the second answer, and added his comment: "Here is another instance of duplication of duties."

Time bomb

"He denied a rumour which had appeared in the press that the team had deliberately been fed cholera shortly before the kick-off which would grievously have impaired their performance" — report in the Jerusalem Post about alleged corruption in Israeli football.

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Religion and politics

EVERY JEWISH community throughout the world has its own religious authorities who are independent—as indeed every rabbi should be. Nevertheless, the centrality of Israel in every field of Jewish life is such that the Israeli Chief Rabbinate and all its works impinge directly and powerfully on Jewish religious attitudes everywhere. Hence the Israeli Chief Rabbinate scandal is a proper subject for comment by an organ of Jewish opinion.

What has been referred to as a scandal is the current political manoeuvring with regard to the Israeli Chief Rabbinate by Israel's National Religious Party, which has come to regard the Ashkenazi Chief Rabbinate as its preserve together with the Ministry for Religious Affairs and the Interior Ministry. Other parties have similar interests, more concerned with the perquisites of office than the national interest, in a system which has come to dominate large areas of Israeli public life. This is bad enough in general, but it is even worse when such considerations dominate spiritual life too.

Rabbi Shlomo Goren, the present Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv and former Chief Rabbi of the Israel Defence Forces, is the Government's choice for Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi. His record with the Army has shown his willingness to be flexible in the interpretation of Jewish law so as to avoid heartbreak cases. Although his Orthodoxy and piety are undoubted, the

religious diehards regard any type of non-conformity as dangerous radicalism.

On religious matters the NRP tends to go along with the reactionaries. They can be depended upon to create the greatest outcry and the greatest trouble for a political party, and it is natural in politics to try to play safe on these issues. The method being used by the religious party to block Rabbi Goren is procrastination, together with pressure on the present incumbents to remain in office. It cannot be fair to Israel's religious Jews, world Jewry or Chief Rabbi I. J. Unterman himself to retain him in an arduous post well into his middle eighties.

The NRP has exploited unclarified procedures for the election of the Chief Rabbi in their campaign of delay. The system was elaborated on the assumption that it would aid consensus. If consensus is to be blocked for party political advantage a better system will have to be devised which will preclude party politicking.

Nor, as Mr Moshe Dayan has pointed out, is there any justification for having two Chief Rabbis, one Ashkenazi, the other Sephardi. The duplication is a hangover from Ottoman times and only helps to perpetuate the two-nation cleavage. Surely here is the opportunity to end the division and begin to place religious establishment affairs on a basis of probity and sound organisation. World Jewry will be the beneficiary.

PERSONAL OPINION

AS A RESULT of the upheaval in the Arab world, we are told that Israel cannot possibly rest her security on the proclaimed good intentions of any Arab government.

But who suggested that she should do anything of the sort? Who would even suggest that Israel base her security on the good intentions of the American government?

Even if Israel had her face-to-face meeting with the Arabs, even if they signed a formal, comprehensive peace treaty and even if the treaty was guaranteed by the Great Powers and the United Nations, there would be no assurance that an agreement signed by, say, Sadat, would not be torn up by his successor. Treaties in this part of the world have no force or meaning, and no matter how binding they appeared they would not absolve Israel from the need to keep her forces large, well-equipped and at the ready.

Is not this the moment for Israel to impose her own settlement and create an independent Arab State on the West Bank? This has, of course, been suggested before, but there was hitherto no prospect that any Arab of standing would associate himself with such a scheme, but now with the guerrillas virtually finished and the Arab world in disarray, I believe that Palestinian leaders would welcome it.

I am glad there have been no demonstrations against the Moscow State Circus, for protests of this sort carried out as a continuing performance begin to look like a circus themselves.

If one goes along Oxford Street these days one will often encounter a chain of dancers in saffron, with shaven heads, beating tambourines, singing some

weird song. If one turns into Regent Street one will often find, by the Aeroflot offices, a group protesting against the treatment of Jews in Soviet Russia, doing so with dignity and restraint but having about the same effect as the saffroned troupe in Oxford Street.

One hesitates to criticise anyone who is so moved by the plight of his fellows that he is ready to make a spectacle of himself amid the heat, bustle and dust of a public thoroughfare, but good intentions and the readiness for self-sacrifice are not enough. Such continuous protests may do something for the protesters themselves, but, sadly, they do nothing for Jews in Soviet Russia.

Incidentally, I wish people would stop comparing the situation in Russia with what happened in Germany. It shows they've either forgotten what happened in Germany or know nothing of what is happening in Russia—or both.

It will be interesting to see how Rabbi Dr Albert Friedlander and the Westminster Synagogue adapt themselves to one another, for Westminster is a bespoke synagogue and was tailor-made to the tastes and predilections of Rabbi Harold Reinhart.

Rabbi Reinhart, though in some respects a Liberal, was in others a fundamentalist and, like rabbis of the extreme Right, had his faculties trained to completely on some ideal world on high that he tended to overlook the mere imperfect world about him. Thus, for example, not even the events of 1967 cured him of his anti-Zionism for the real Zion obstructed his vision of the ideal one.

He was also a fundamentalist in the sense that he believed he derived his thinking directly from Heaven and he therefore

Jordan's plight

The closing of their borders with Jordan by Syria and Iraq is a body blow to the tottering Jordanian economy. No trade route runs from Jordan to Saudi Arabia, and the country's sole outlet is now the small port of Akaba on the Red Sea. With the Suez Canal blocked, this means that most of Jordan's trade would need to be diverted round the Cape of Good Hope if the Syrian and Iraqi borders remain closed. The bankruptcy of a State which is heavily dependent on economic aid from the West will be certain, if this situation persists.

Israel is under no obligation to Jordan, although King Hussein's draconian measures against the Palestinian Arab terrorists have eased the situation on the Israeli-Jordanian frontier. Jordan's Arab Legion attacked Jewish Jerusalem both in 1948 and 1967, and for the past 20 years terrorist attacks on Israel have been mounted from Jordanian territory. This has been a major factor in Israel's preoccupation with her own security. Yet it could well be that Israel would be well advised to indicate readiness to help Jordan in her present plight. The policy of "open frontiers" could be carried a stage further, and facilities made available for a corridor to Haifa or Ashdod for the passage of goods to and from Jordan. Such an offer, made in good faith, discreetly and without any conditions being attached to it, would be a useful reminder of Israel's deep desire to be allowed to live in peace with her neighbours.

Biased commission

Israel's critics are once more trying to put her "in the dock" for alleged failure to co-operate with the three-nation commission appointed by the United Nations to investigate accusations of brutalities committed in the occupied territories. There are three things to be said on this subject. In the first place, the choice

of members for the commission was such that it can hardly be expected to produce an unbiased and objective report. One member is Somalia, which is violently anti-Israel; the two others, Ceylon and Yugoslavia, have a strong pro-Arab bias. In the second place, the United Nations has not appointed a similar commission to investigate the much better-founded complaints of atrocities committed against Jews living in Arab countries. Finally, it is a singular but undeniable fact that numbers of Palestinian Arab terrorists have in the past two weeks been seeking refuge in Israel from King Hussein's Beduin troops. The terrorists preferred Israel to neighbouring Arab countries, knowing full well where they could expect fair treatment. This is by no means as surprising as it might seem at first sight. Lynch-law in the Sudan is a pointer to Arab justice, whereas an Arab who had just bombed and slaughtered innocent citizens in Israeli-occupied Gaza was sentenced to no more than imprisonment—admittedly, but justly, for life.

Today's Maccabees

An Israeli football team is coming here next week to play two matches. Though not officially a representative team it is bound, by the nature of things, to be regarded as such by many Jews and Gentiles alike. Its representative character will be enhanced by the name Maccabees which, though now used by a sporting organisation, after all began as the watchword of a great national religious revival. These latter-day Maccabees are to play two matches, one on Friday evening during the hours of the Sabbath. True, this is the custom in Israel, but Israelis travelling abroad ought to consider the susceptibilities of local Jewish communities and there is no doubt that this Sabbath desecration by an Israeli team will give offence to large numbers of Jews in this country. Is it too late for the timing to be reconsidered in order that a sporting event can be freed from unhappy religious overtones?

ASK THE RABBI

Why is Tisha b'Av classified with Yom Kippur as a major fast?

Is it in the rabbinic sources Tisha b'Av is not classified with Yom Kippur (which, in legal terminology, is *deoraita*—Biblical) but with the other fast-days (which are *derabanan*—rabbinic). The famous Code known as the Tur, however, remarks (*Orach Chayim* 554): "The prohibition of eating and drinking on it (Tisha b'Av) is the same as on Yom Kippur except that the former carries with it the penalty of *karet* while the latter is binding by tradition" (*divrei Cabalah*—in this context "prophetic teaching" see *Zechariah* 8, 19).

The comparison with Yom Kippur was probably suggested by the fact that Tisha b'Av, unlike the other fasts, begins on the eve of the occasion. A Chasidic teacher once remarked that if he had the power he would abolish all the fasts except Tisha b'Av and Yom Kippur. On Tisha b'Av, he said, who can eat and on Yom Kippur who wants to eat?

In view of the fact that Jerusalem has been reunited, should we continue to recite Lamentations on Tisha b'Av?

Much has been written recently on this question. According to the Talmud, Tisha b'Av is treated especially as a day of great solemnity because on that day several tragic events, including the destruction of both Temples, took place. Thus the recital of Lamentations and *kehot* are not prayers for the future but reminders of a bitter past.

Unless we are completely insensitive, the sufferings of the Jewish martyrs should

not be forgotten. Nowadays, in many congregations, Tisha b'Av is made to commemorate especially the holocaust. Furthermore, Tisha b'Av is associated with the final Messianic hope and the final redemption. This has not yet come about. The world still knows of wars, hatred and injustice.

Is it voluntary or is it a "must" for a Jewish bride to attend the mikva before she gets married? Will the minister refuse to marry her if she does not wish to go?

In Israel, so far as I know, the rabbis do insist on a bride attending the mikva before she gets married. In other countries it depends on the attitude of the officiating rabbi. According to Orthodox law a couple may not live together as man and wife if the wife has not attended the mikva after she has had her periods, but this does not apply only to the time she gets married.

The *mitzvah*, in fact, permits the marriage of a woman who has had her periods, although, of course, the couple may not live together until the periods are over and the wife has attended the mikva. It would seem to be inconsistent for rabbis to demand attendance at the mikva only for this single occasion.

Possibly, the rabbis feel that by introducing the bride to the mikva she will continue to keep the laws after her marriage or they may argue that her attendance at the mikva before her marriage is necessary because the rabbi officiating at the marriage and does not wish to be party to any breach of Jewish law.

The sound of Wagner

My opinion Israel has no right to ban the music of Wagner because of the composer's personality of the composer had Nazi Germany to the level of a fascist State in this matter.

My friend Mr Henig's letter I wonder whether he has listened to, or attended any opera, let alone stayed during the performance. His definition of opera as "the many singers of opera or connection with the opera performances, but in the considerable orchestra of so many of his musical conductors as the opera, George Solti, and Otto Klemperer, all have devoted so much of their lives to this composer.

Wagner's fascist content may on one point only have entered into self-hatred of that land of his hatred, that of his creed, showed his sympathy for the Nazis of Hitler in many of his operas in conjunction with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, yet was devoted to his superb music of Wagner.

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Wagner, in his lifetime, was strongly influenced by Brecht, Mozart and Shakspeare, among others. Are there to be called "fascist" too? Wagner's "fascism" is not a question of opinion. It is a question of blatant historical falsification. Mr Henig goes on to say that Wagner disliked the Jewish people; I would like to know what his proof is of this assertion—what authority he is alluding to.

Then he suggests a dislike of Jews is a characteristic of fascism. There may have been some Jews Wagner did not like. There are some Jews I do not like; does this make me a fascist?

Further, Mr Henig said that Hitler "revelled" in Wagner's music. Was this Wagner's fault? So do millions of people today.

The story of Wagner's "Ring" tells of the ultimate doom and destruction that comes of seeking more and more material wealth and power by all means possible, including the most ruthless. It tells of the ultimate folly of pursuing wealth as an end in itself—or as the means to great power. As such, how could Hitler be "reveling" in Wagner's music for the reasons Mr Henig has suggested? Hitler would have been "reveling" in his own destruction.

L. E. LIPMAN,
Merton College, Oxford.

Hebrew accents

Sir, The change to the Israeli accent in our synagogues will come about inevitably when the present generation of young Jews, now using it in Jewish schools or Hebrew classes become the adult shul membership and this of course was the idea behind its introduction into the educational sphere (though, alas, there are still centres where this permitted change has been obstructed).

The question now is whether or not we ought to wait so long. Would it not be more logical—23 years after the birth of Israel—to hasten the changeover wherever there is a clearly expressed congregational desire? This can easily be tested by a resolution at the synagogue annual meeting where the degree of change—partial or complete—can also be determined.

I feel sure that all but the most reactionary of the older generation would recognise the legitimate influence of the winds of change in this (as in so many other facets of life) and would be prepared to concede the change gracefully, though obviously the use of Ashkenazi by individuals would never be precluded.

(Mrs) BEATRICE BARWELL,
22 Beechcroft Gardens,
Wembley.

Ben Azai or boomerang?

Ben Azai didn't find a "boom" column in Chum. Why? Which didn't contain chunks of it last week's edition. Certainly nothing in my piece on Ben Azai as his own Jewish magazine was legitimated only in a Jewish

funny or unfunny, was not basically about Jews at all but about Christians.

The point was well taken by the Christian lady reader of Campaign who wrote to me complaining that, though she supposed the Jews had all had a good laugh, "if anyone is to attack pseudo-Christianity it should be a Christian, not a Jew." Presumably Ben Azai would add that it should be done nowhere but in the Church Times.

Other Christians, I am glad to say, took a larger view and refused to consider my article either illegitimate or offensive. There were even Jews who managed to avoid labelling me an antisemite for inventing a Jewish character less admirable than the Basil Shom Tov.

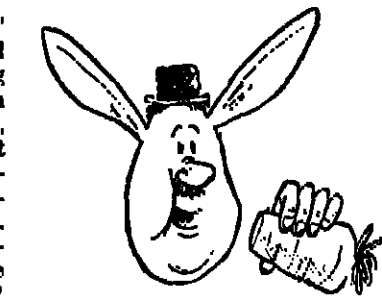
If Ben Azai could cast off his ghetto mentality for a moment he might realise there was nothing for him to get upset about.

PHILIP KLEINMAN.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More veg for Ben Azai?

Sir—Ben Azai (your July 23 issue) had a bad experience in a vegetarian restaurant when he took his family there to lunch. He



therefore implies that to be a vegetarian is synonymous with being overcharged for a meal one does not enjoy.

This is about as logical as blaming the Jewish religion because there are some Jews who interpret it incorrectly.

Restaurants, vegetarian and non-vegetarian, are run to make a profit. All restaurants vary as to the value they give to the customer. I would respectfully suggest that Ben Azai keeps trying vegetarian restaurants (and there are many excellent ones) until he finds one to suit his taste and his pocket.

(Mrs) FAY GINSBERG,
chairman, the Jewish Vegetarian Society,
855 Finchley Road, NW11.

Division on bastardy issue

Sir,—In answer to those who query the basis for the laws regarding mamzerim, one can but reiterate that the halacha here, as always, is based on the definitive word of God as revealed in the Torah—whose truth is absolute and eternal and is no less valid by reason of the criticisms of its detractors.

It is not our duty to act as God's apologists; indeed it is more than presumptuous to claim to fathom His motives. But we may, and must, attempt as far as possible a rational understanding of the halacha. Not reform is necessary but a modicum of respect in our basic approach.

First let it be clear that a mamzer (which is not the English "bastard"), is not a social pariah and bears no stigma of inferiority. The duty of "Love your neighbour as yourself" applies equally to him, and the rabbis clearly stated "a learned mamzer precedes an ignorant high priest" (Talmud Horoth 13b).

The only restriction on him, i.e. the marital one, would seem, according to the Sefer HaChinuch, to bear an analogy to our treatment

Into Europe

Sir,—For generations Jews have been leaving the mainland of Europe to find a new and better life for themselves and their families in this friendly island.

Suddenly, we find ourselves on the brink of reunion with the very society that we or our ancestors were thankful and relieved to have been able to abandon. We risk being compelled to become Europeans again when all that we have wanted to be is Britons.

It will be a sad and bitter irony for us British Jews if this ever happens.

SAMSON BERKOW,
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17 Farmleigh,
Southgate, N14.

of the transmitter of a disease, which (while not affecting the carrier) may bear danger to those who marry him. The Torah's laws of sexual morality cannot be disregarded without spiritual harm as real as physical disease.

In this light I would tentatively suggest that the reason a convert may marry a mamzer is that the great spiritual change he has voluntarily achieved in accepting Judaism renders him less prone to the effects of such a marriage.

In conclusion may I say that denigration and diatribe do not serve any constructive purpose in solving this difficult human problem, which the rabbis are trying to ease in accordance with the well-known dictum: "The ways of the Torah are pleasant and all its paths peace."

B. BERKOVITS,
3 Rosecroft Ave., NW3.

Witch-hunt alleged

Sir,—With the recent announcement that lists of "bastards" are being circulated by the Israeli Ministry for Religious Affairs to the marriage registrars, the authorities have cruelly offended against the dignity of man.

To institute such a witch-hunt in the twentieth century can only bring the Jewish religion into disrepute. In their attempt to implement the basic Biblical commandments (Deut. 23 and elsewhere), the antics of the fundamentalists and bigots are in direct conflict with humanity. Dr. Warhaftig is branding innocent victims and turning them into lepers of society by his use of outdated and savage laws. This is indeed very sad.

The solution to this outrage is simple. Abolish the Ministry. It serves no useful purpose. A form of civil marriage is long overdue in Israel. Every other civilised State has it.

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woman's page

PARIS—a richer mixture

SADIE LEVINE

It should be reassuring that Paris Couture is still clinging to the past and that fashion is an art as well as a trade.

Though our priorities may preclude the outlay of £500 for a Dior suit spotting the trend even at C & A can be a morale-boosting shopping exercise.

For Paris still leads, even though in many cases the British wholesalers got there first. Paris would seem to put the seal of approval and worthiness on trends the smaller fry think up.

At the autumn collections there this week there was of course often the sense of déjà vu.

Some of the things had been seen at the autumn London shows months ago. Dior's tent coat, Elgee, of London, showed it at the Association of London

Fashion Designers' autumn shows in May.

Some of the things had not been seen for about 20 years. Rustling taffetas and wedding-cake dresses, all tiers and frills.

There were other trends we had despaired of ever seeing again. Stockings, for example. Anyone who dreaded for personal reasons the final demise of the stocking in favour of pantyhose will be pleased.

Yves St. Laurent brought back the stocking... with seams, to boot! A physical exercise teacher once told me that seamed stockings were the great waist-whittiers of the '30s. Looking back over your shoulder to see that the seams are straight is an important movement in the exercise chart, isn't it? So roll on, St. Laurent stockings!

Another bonus that might come from the collections is that we will bear to look at old telly films without squirming. Padded shoulders, gored skirts, berets on page-boy hair-dos, wide sharp revers, soulful make-up, leg-of-lamb sleeves are all in the Paris trends.

And velvet suits for evenings. Remember the velvet "theatre-suits"? St. Laurent's cocktail suits were quite different,

though. The velvet jackets were worn over tatan pleated skirts (for is Highland Fling?).

Marc Bohan, designer for the Christian Dior collection, was, by his own declaration, bent on clothes that were to be classics of their time: "An elegant fashion," he says, "renewing the values and importance of haute couture by combining up-to-date-ness and refinement." Which is possibly a clumsy expression of some of the most exquisite clothes of the Paris scene: black velvet evening pants suits, tailored tweed coats narrow at top and grading out in a gentle flare to hem.

Dior's use of fur was spectacular. Wolf, leopard, tiger to line gaberdine trench coats, to wear as redingotes, and mixed occasionally with Persian lamb capes on top.

No need to worry about length, if you take Paris as your mentor. It's the mixture as before, if a bit richer. Most designers favoured the knee, just hiding the joint, and others, like Louis Feraud, made his skirts thigh-high so that they looked like hot-pants without the gussets and were worn with boots which appeared to be made of plastic and knitting.

Sketches by Beryl Hazland



Above: St. Laurent's smock coat with dirndl skirt (left) and his late wedding-cake dress, tiered and frilled

Left: Dior's black tent coat, revealing to cervice to match accompanying dress

COOKERY

Summer soup

EVELYN ROSE

Cold soups are new on the English menu. But to our grandparents, they were part of the summer scene—chilled borscht, enriched with the smetana so carefully skimmed from the soured milk, or schav, with its bitter-sweet flavour. Schav is very hard to find in this country. We used to pick it before the war where now an estate of "semitis" stands. But baby beets are in plentiful supply.

CHILLED BORSCHT

When beets are in season it's worth doubling up on the quantities I give and freezing half; put the unthickened strained juice into plastic containers (leaving 1-inch headroom for expansion) and freeze. Then it can be made either into meaty borscht (by adding a bouillon cube) or simply enriched with eggs, and served hot with boiled potatoes or cold with soured cream.

Ingredients:

1 small carrot; 1 small onion; 2 bunches of young beets or 2 lb. raw old beets; 1 quart water; flavouring juice of a large lemon or 1 level teaspoon citric acid crystals (sour salt); 2 level table-spoons caster sugar; 2 level table-spoons salt; speck of white pepper;

2 whole eggs; 1 carton of soured cream.

Method:

Scrape the skin off new beets or peel old ones. Peel the onion and carrots. Without a blender, grate all the vegetables coarsely. With a blender, half fill the goblet with the roughly cut-up vegetables, fill until 4 full with the measured water, and blend for 15 seconds or until a coarse mush. Repeat with all the liquid and vegetables. Put the grated vegetables and the water or the blended mixture into a soup pan. Add the salt and the sugar and bring slowly to the boil. Cover and simmer for 45 minutes. Pour the contents of the pan through a coarse sieve into a bowl. Discard the vegetables. Return the liquid to the pan, and reheat gently. In a basin beat together the eggs and the lemon juice or sour salt. Be sure the eggs are thoroughly blended to avoid specks of white. Add a ladle of the hot soup, whisking well. Then add another. Finally return this mixture to the pan. Reheat gently until steaming, but not boiling, by which time the soup will have thickened. Allow to cool then chill in the refrigerator overnight. Serve in soup-cups, topped with a dollop of soured cream. Makes 4-6 generous servings.

A new charity

"To belong to a charity committee which is well established presents no difficulties, but to try to form one's own committee with a nucleus of two friends, no publicity, or outside help..."

Mrs Marian Buena de Mesquita was telling me about her new project to help epileptics. It is the Mayday Appeal Committee which has been set up in order to raise money for the National Society for Epileptics. The committee was formed last March, since when money was raised at a Wine and Cheese Party for equipment at the Chalfont Centre for epileptics in Bucks. This charitable organisation, Mrs de Mesquita tells me, provides a home for about 600 afflicted people and relies mainly on voluntary contributions.

Mayday's next fund-raising event is a Barbecue/Fête on August 8 at 28 Hoop Lane, N.W.11. For this they want gifts (phone 455 7132) but they are also looking for new members, suggestions and help in organising other functions throughout the year.

In the scones recipe last week, there should have been 1 carton natural yoghurt in the ingredients.

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TRAVEL

To Paris, New York by Air France 747

BY DAVID PELA

The advent of the giant Boeing 747 revolutionised air travel. (reaching speed 500 mph), it is the ideal aircraft for long-distance flying.

A passenger who travelled for the first time on a Jumbo jet last winter writes: "The shipping company slogan 'get there in half the time' is half the fun." This is the speedy but sometimes uncomfortable flights and the advantages of slower and more comfortable travel.

This distinction became non-existent during a recent flight to

Paris. Needless to say, the cuisine was all one would expect from Air France and the stewards and stewardesses could not have been more helpful in providing a delicious yet acceptable diet for kosher or vegetarian passengers. Particularly impressive were the efficient arrangements of passengers on this mammoth aircraft. It was done with almost military precision, complete efficiency and absence of fuss. The flight was smoother than any other I have experienced across the Atlantic and the time was made even shorter by Air



York in the first-class area of Air France's new 747s. It is the ultimate in flying. The first-class seats are wide and comfortable with 22 inches of room for the most leggy of passengers.

But above all the ability to sit about in the spacious cabin up the circular staircase to first-class lounge makes a difference to the comfort of the flight. In fact I found this ambulatory method of sitting without sitting cramped and comfortable for seven or eight hours at least 24 hours the normal time for readjustment after a transatlantic flight.

France's Festival of the Air, which includes the showing of a recent film and the selection of several channels of different types of music.

"For travellers from London to New York who wish to go to Paris en route for business or pleasure this is the ideal way of making the flight. And travelling on this route there is a saving of about £24 on the normal first-class London-New York fare, between £10 and £18 on the economy rate. "The New York terminal of Air France is not yet equipped for Jumbos, but in spite of this baggage delivery was extremely Continued on next page, column 2

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*Trading at both Curzon House Club and Palm Beach Casino Club has been at an improved level during the year and active membership of both clubs is steadily increasing.

*During the year operations have been put in hand for the re-opening of Crockfords Club and the former Colony Club premises in Berkeley Square—now renamed the International Sporting Club.

*The Group is now in a position to offer an unrivalled combination of gaming facilities in the West End of London.

*The substantial part of the revenue of Curzon House Club and Palm Beach Casino Club is in foreign currency.

Chairman's Additional Remarks
At the Annual General Meeting on July 29th 1971, Mr. Barnett went on to tell the meeting that "the International Sporting Club will be opening on August 10th, and that a great deal of interest has already been shown. As far as Crockfords was concerned, it is expected that this Club will be opening in the late Spring of next year".

	1971 (for year ended March 31st)	1970 (for 18 months ended March 31st)
Group turnover	2,776,015	2,275,417
Profit before taxation	865,837	420,921
Net profit attributable to the group after taxation and minority interests	343,831	169,927
Dividends paid and proposed	104,000 4p per share	101,400 3.5p per share



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Report and Accounts 1971

In his annual statement circulated to shareholders, the Chairman, Mr. L. E. Manoussos, reported:

- * Annual Revenue increased to £479,555 compared to £399,133.
- * Net Profit after Tax and minority interests increased to £104,999 compared to £91,310.
- * Dividend raised from 7% to 8%.
- * Book value of portfolio now £5,968,756.
- * Cost of projects in hand about £4,750,000 and increasing profits anticipated.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Firm undertone after economy boost

By our City Editor

The Chancellor's new line of thought on the economy has hardly brought the foreshadowed upsurge in share prices. But there is little doubt that the market's undertone is firm and prices are biding their time before advancing once more.

There are various reasons for believing this, not the least being the steady inflow of capital from the small investors.

In the present situation much attention has been focused on companies likely to benefit from the new economic package, and for that reason shares in the financial sector and consumer durables have been attracted to both the small and large investors.

The financial sector received a purely coincidental booster with the latest round of figures from the "Big Four" banks that again underline their strengths.

Lloyds reported splendid half-year figures showing profits £4.46 million higher at £26.64 million including a £1.2 million share of profits from the newly merged Bank of London & South America.

For shareholders, disparity reasons and not the fine results bring a one point rise to 7 per cent in the interim dividend and a word from the board that this payment does not necessarily indicate an increase on last year's 14 per cent total.

This does not, however, detract from the merits of Lloyds shares which, at the current level of 615p, look a very interesting holding.

Higher profits
News from the Midland Bank is also of higher profits. Compared with the corresponding half-year's £20.5 million, Midland's profits expanded to £21.47 million and the interim dividend is being increased from 7 to 7½ per cent.

Midland's directors attribute the improvement to a "further expansion of business and continued efforts to increase earnings and contain costs."

The latest figures indicate that this policy is working and therefore there seems no reason why Midland shares, now at 555p, should not merit a better rating in the market.

Before taxation NatWest's profits jumped to £38.12 million from £33.76 million and the interim dividend is a point higher at 8½ per cent. The performance reflects the growth in resources and the volume of business which the bank says has more than offset the effects of a lower than average bank rate and higher operating expenses.

It is stressed, however, that the final outcome may to some extent be affected by the Bank of England's proposed competition and credit control. At this stage it is difficult to assess the effect of these proposals until some experience of their operation is gained.

The bank's abilities are also reflected in this showing and it speaks well for the shares. Current price is 615p.

In the consumer market Thorn Electrical revealed a "very satisfactory year" in which profits soared to a new all-time high.

On turnover of £843 million against £204 million Thorn's profits grew by a superb £8.04 million to £37.21 million and the directors look to the future for continued growth. Meantime, the dividend is raised 24 points to 24 per cent with a 15 per cent final.

Thorn expect the build-up of colour television to begin to show in 1971/72 profits supported by the solid base of consumer and capital goods.

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Despite continuing pressure of increasing costs in relation to fixed price contracts during a period of rapid inflation, the Board has every confidence in the ability of the company to meet the challenge and trust that the results of the current year will again give satisfaction.

After 56 years' service—the last 28 as Chairman of the Company—Mr. A. E. Parkinson hands over this year to Mr. F. V. Osborne, with Mr. A. W. Robinson as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Parkinson has accepted an invitation to become the first President of the Company.

Year ended 31st December	1967	1968	1969	1970
Profit before Tax	£863,984	£976,393	£923,274	£926,014
Taxation	£394,079	£402,737	£440,000	£378,721
Net Profit	£469,905	£472,646	£483,274	£546,293
Dividends on Ordinary Stock (Gross)	£191,684	£197,654	£203,643	£215,622
Capital and Reserves	£4,017,870	£4,320,098	£4,564,089	£5,276,500

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- * Net profit after tax up by 25% to £365,173.
- * Total dividend for 1970 14% (12-65%).
- * Shopping centre at Merthyr Tydfil opened in September and developments continue to make progress including new continental projects.
- * Office lease bought in at Wingate House, building to be relet after modernisation.
- * 1971 results will approximate to 1970. Together with the reversions and income from current developments, the future programme will assure growth through the 1970s.

Copies of the Report and Accounts can be obtained from the Secretary, 38 Curzon Street, London, W.1.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

here, Bragg Stockdale Hall & Co. have arranged for a placing of 100,000 shares in Forrester, a women's fashion company that is predominantly to Littlewoods. The price is 44p per share and the projected profits of £100,000.

Full-time news at Taylor Woodrow of profits more than £1 million higher at £2.67 million against £1.8 million. Interim dividend, 4p, is held at 7½ per cent.

Further advance in profitability predicted at Imperial Tobacco. After six months' sales of £171.5 million compared with £160.5 million and net profits of £12.7 million, the interim dividend is 1.875p per share.

Year sales £3.3 million higher at £13 million profits of £1.09 million. The interim dividend is 8 p per cent but purely to reward shareholders. The board says that full-time profits will be "slightly exceed" last year's £1.0 million.

Bernard Walsh, chairman of the Restaurants, tells shareholders in his annual statement business continues to keep up and he sees no reason why profits for the current half should not be as good as for corresponding period.

Page Properties record an in-pre-tax profit from £625,000 to £700,000 in the six months to March 1971, and the interim dividend is 8 p per cent against 5½ p per cent in 1970. Previous year profits rose to £871,000 from £810,000.

John Farmer, chairman of Perkins, says the current year started well for the group and he has given shareholders a picture of the situation at Perkins' annual meeting. Year profits rose to £871,000 from £810,000.

ing allowances

John Anzani revealed at the meeting that the company's for industrial building allowance has now been agreed by the Revenue. The effect will be to make available some £300,000 of allowances for the year 1967/71.

John Barton Securities disclose a change in half year profits. £70,000 profits have come up to £84,000 and the interim dividend is effectively lifted from 7.27 p per cent. The continuing rise is attributed to the general rise of the business and the rising demand for the group's services.

John Stratton, chairman of C. is satisfied that the group's ability and facility to obtain a greater share of the home market, in which it is already a major force, and also to enlarge export trade. F.M.C.s main concern has shown their confidence in the future of the group and their support for a five year and at the same time substantially increasing the value available secured by the issue of a debenture.

Field Mills remain confident that current-year profits will be about last year's level. Eight months profits were down at £77,000, but against the £80,000 of the previous year. The dividend is 10 p per cent, a 20 per cent total compared with 10 p per cent in 1970.

Under the initiative of Rite Time Corporation seven of the leading mining companies set up an independent committee to investigate the facts and issues involved in the British. The commission work in September under the chairmanship of Lord Zuckerman will report next spring.

British Enkalon is still enjoying "satisfactory" trading conditions. The increase in business reported after the first four months has been maintained in the last two months of the first half-year in spite of the difficulties experienced within the man-made fibres industry. The company is also raising £3 million by way of rights issue.

Another good showing is revealed by London and Midlands Industrials where dividend total is lifted 2½ points to 20 per cent. The final is 13½ p on profits £110,000 higher at £226,000—a result which would have been even better except for an interruption in production caused by the Ford strike.

However, the steady progress has continued into the present year and after the first three months the board confidently expect a further increase in annual profits. Long term prospects remain encouraging a fact reflected in the plans to raise a further £1 million long-term capital by the issue of a convertible unsecured loan stock.

Sir Nicholas Cayer, chairman of

British and Commonwealth Shipping Company, told shareholders at the annual meeting that he did not expect any significant difference in profit from the figure achieved in 1970. Sir Nicholas added that it would not have escaped notice that the level of freight rates in the tramp market continues to fall, and he felt justified in making his comments more reserved than a month earlier.

The Distillers Company is raising £40 million on the stock market. Robert Fleming have arranged the placing of 10½ per cent unsecured loan stock 1983, 8 at £100 payable to £25 on acceptance, £40 on September 17 and £35 on January 14, 1972.

Distillers want the cash for the group's expanding capital spending and the extra working capital needed to finance the group's growing business. In particular it will help finance the additional stocks required to support the expected increase in the group's sales.

Smithfield & Zwanenberg—chairman Mr Jack Charlott—revealed at the annual meeting that two unnamed unit trusts had acquired a 10 per cent stake in the company. The company is also to sell a surplus area of land which should realise £400,000.

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The following are extracts from the Statement of the Chairman and Managing Director, Mr. G. T. Whyte, for the year ended 31st March, 1971.

PROFITS AND DIVIDEND INCREASED

The net pre-tax group profit has increased from £2,154,000 to £3,374,000 while net after tax earnings per share have risen from 38.3% (9.58p per share) to 53.8% (13.45p per share) an increase of 40%.

The Directors recommend a final dividend of 21½ making a total of 33½ for the year (26½). Despite the challenges of the past year we have succeeded in maintaining the overall growth of the Group. In particular, we have made two excellent additions to our Group, the Resolute Insurance companies and the Metal Scrap & By-Products group of companies.

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2000's	2000's	2000's	2000's	(new pence)	(new pence)	2000's
1967	110,988	8,969	0.883	1.061	0.87	1.74
1968	166,022	8,313	4.697	2.011	0.90	4.849
1969	191,406	10,207	5.531	2.230	0.98	5.274
1970	288,447	12,808	6.527	3.371	1.37	6.914
1971	289,988	13,868	8.768	3.988	1.60	8.43

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Memorial Stones—(continued)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8
BAXON.—The memorial stone in loving memory of Doris Baxon will be consecrated at Bushley Cemetery on August 8, at 11 a.m., returning to 152 Carlton Avenue West, Wembley.
BEGAR.—The memorial stone in loving memory of Mrs. Margaret Begar will be consecrated at Ralmain Cemetery on Sunday, August 8, at 3.30 p.m., returning to 25 Stockton Road, Glasgow, W. Middlepark.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16
LEVINE.—The memorial stone in loving memory of Harry, beloved husband of Clara, adored father of Yvonne will be consecrated at Bushley Cemetery on August 16, at 11.15 a.m. Returning to 3 Shirehall Gardens, Hendon.
LEVINE.—The memorial stone in loving memory of Sam. 218 Hendon Way, will be consecrated at Bushley Cemetery on August 16, at 11.15 a.m. Will relatives and friends please accept this as the only intimation. Returning to 2 Shirehall Gardens, Hendon.
SCHAUL.—The memorial stone in loving memory of Julius Schaul will be consecrated at Bushley Cemetery on Sunday, August 15, 1971, at 5 p.m. Will relatives and friends please accept this as the only intimation.
SILVERMAN.—The memorial stone in loving memory of Alfred Silverman will be consecrated at Bushley Cemetery on Sunday, August 16, at 11 a.m.

**THANKS FOR
 CONDOLENCES**

BARO.—Jack, Mrs. Rose Baro and family and Ben Baro (brother) wish to thank ministers, relatives and friends for their kind visits and sympathy during their recent bereavement.
DAITZ.—Mrs. Esther Daitz and family wish to thank ministers and friends for their kind visits and letters of sympathy received during their recent bereavement.
DONALD.—Frances and Joe Donald and Anthony Donald wish to thank their many kind, wonderful neighbours and all members of the Ravenswood organisation for their kind letters and offers of sympathy on the tragic loss of our son, Steven.
LEITCH.—The family of the late Samuel Leitch wish to thank ministers and their many friends and relatives for their visits and kind letters of sympathy, which gave them comfort and help following their recent bereavement.
MARKS.—The family of the late Phillip Marks wish to thank ministers and their true friends and relatives for their visits and letters of sympathy, which gave such sincere comfort and help following their bereavement.
MORRIS.—The Rev. S. H. Morris and family wish to thank the Rev. E. H. Morris to thank them sincerely, many friends, relatives and friends for their kind visits, sympathy and letters of condolence received during their recent bereavement.
PULMAN.—The family of the late Michael Pulman wish to thank the ministers, relatives and friends for their kind visits and messages of sympathy received during their recent bereavement. Our gratitude to the Rev. Angela St. John, St. Stephen's, for their wonderful help during this most distressing period.
SHERN.—Miss Bessie Shern, Renée, Percy and John wish to thank the Rev. J. Goldman, the Rev. I. Nodel, the Rev. S. Black and the Rev. V. Silverman, the Rev. J. D. O'Brien, the Rev. J. Manning and members of the Neuchâtel, Walsby and District Synagogue, relatives and many friends for their kind visits and letters of sympathy on their sad bereavement.

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WEDNESDAY—Betty and Ralph Luper, with Howard and Dale, wish to thank their true friends and relatives for their visits and kind letters of sympathy, which gave them sincere comfort and help following their sudden and tragic bereavement.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1
Jewish Vegetarian Society. Talk by Colin Smith on Anti-Vivisection. 855 Finchley Road. Golders Green. 11.30 a.m.
Joseph Pilsbury conducts two popular can sing. 8.15 p.m., 8.15 p.m., at the open-air theatre, Fallow, 882 3200. Free.
Ort Aid Group. At Ronnie Scott's tonight for the strictly 25s-35s. See display advert. on page 23.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3
Initial post-graduate discussion group on "Encounter Groups," at 8 o'clock at Hill.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4
Act Now—Save Soviet Jewry, Empire P&L, Wembley. 7.15 p.m. daily for five weeks, except Fridays and Saturdays.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14
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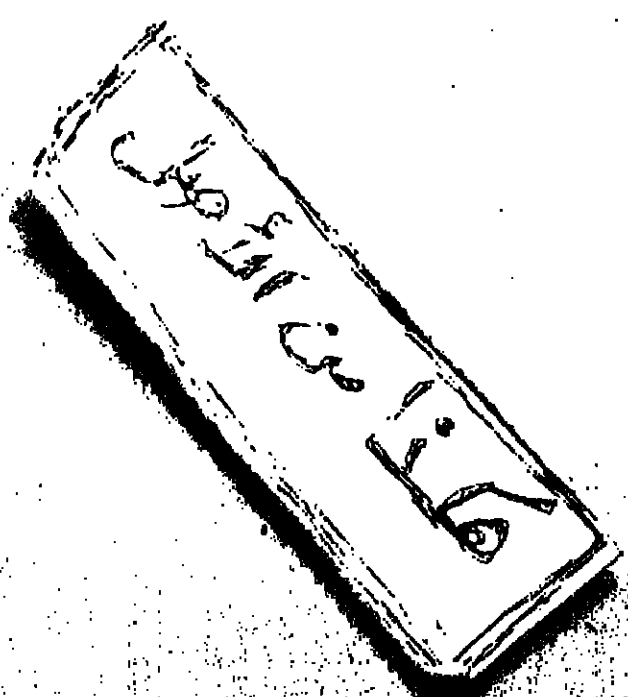
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Mrs Meir castigates social evils

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

"No one is entitled to deny that poverty exists in Israel. We must not put up with this situation. We would be false to ourselves if we became accustomed to it and regarded it with complacency," Mrs Golda Meir, the Israeli Premier said in the Knesset on Wednesday. But, she continued in the course of a lengthy statement on Israel's social and economic problems, it would be a gross distortion of the truth to allege that the State's initiative in dealing with the problems of the underprivileged resulted from the vocal demonstrations which had recently taken place.

It was "the supreme effort of the people and Government of Israel" which had achieved "progress in housing, education and the health services," Mrs Meir stated. This progress had been maintained even though Israel had "never had one day free from anxiety over her security and survival."

Moreover, everything had been done "in the midst of actual warfare and periods of incidents and terror between wars."

Mrs Meir then looked at the other side of the picture. While there was poverty in Israel, there was also wealth. Some people were living above the standards the country could afford, she declared.

"I am not preaching a return to the atmosphere of days gone by and past concepts of dress and entertainment, but I must warn against the gap between a life style imported from abroad which is taking root in Israel... and our real national economic capacity. This is a dangerous and ominous gap."

There were people by no means at the bottom of the economic ladder whose use of the strike weapon in improving their situation could paralyse the country's most

vital services and spread depression among the public.

Calling for "self-restraint on the part of all of us—first and foremost those of us who stand on the highest rungs of the salary ladder," Mrs Meir said that without it the Government could not, "as if with a magic wand," meet all demands, eradicate poverty, not impose taxes, win wars, absorb immigration and develop the economy.

Fuel oil prices increased

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Israelis, already short of money, were dealt another blow by the Finance Ministry on Monday, when all fuel oil prices were increased. Petrol went up by 10 per cent and paraffin (kerosene) by no less than 140 per cent.

The best petrol Israel can offer, 94-octane, now costs 37½p. per gallon.

Finance Ministry officials insist that what they have done is to bring Israel's fuel prices into line with world prices. The increases should not be regarded as new taxes, they say.

But, new taxes or not, the increased-fuel-oil-prices have already pushed up other prices.

Belgium gives support to Vatican

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Mr Pierre Harmel, the Belgian Foreign Minister, arrived in Israel for a three-day visit on Monday evening and had his first talks on Tuesday morning with his Israeli counterpart, Mr Abba Eban. The two Ministers had a general discussion on the Middle East and related problems.

Mr Harmel's interest seems to lie much more in Jerusalem and the Arab refugees than in an interim Suez Canal settlement.

He had a meeting with King Hussein last week and the Jordanian monarch is understood to have pressed the issue of Jerusalem's future as the key to a settlement with Israel.

Belgium's Roman Catholic Government is believed to share the Vatican's view that Israel should not be left in overall control of the Holy City.

Our Paris correspondent reports: Western diplomatic sources in the French capital say that Jordan has discreetly circulated a "working paper" outlining her charges against Israel concerning Jerusalem.

It is believed that the paper contains the elements of a possible Security Council resolution strongly condemning Israel. (Jordan is expected to lodge a complaint with the Security Council about what she terms Israel's "Judaisation" of Jerusalem.)

The sources said that the Americans are secretly discussing with the Jordanians a more softly-worded resolution.

Mapam envoy holds talks with Chinese

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

An Israeli journalist who is regarded as the Mapam representative in Paris, Mr Eli Ben-Gal, has admitted establishing "personal" contact with members of the Chinese Embassy staff here, though the Embassy has denied this.

Mr Ben-Gal, the Paris correspondent of New Outlook, said that he had first established contact with junior Embassy officials in 1969. He continued: "Last Saturday I met Chinese Embassy officials of the same rank without any commitment on either side and on a purely private basis."

"We discussed world developments, including the Middle East. Since I have a high personal regard for the achievements of Chinese Communism, my hosts conducted the conversation as Chinese Communists, not as members of the Embassy."

The Israeli journalist said that he tried to clear up what he described as a China's "misunderstanding" of Israel. Israel's struggle for her own national liberation was not in contradiction to the Palestinians' own fight, Mr Ben-Gal said.

A Chinese Embassy spokesman said that the report was "pure fabrication." He added: "There has been no contact with any representative of our country."

Our Jerusalem Correspondent cables: Official sources here have been

at pains to make clear that Ben-Gal's talks in Paris Chinese Embassy officials were initiated by the Israeli Government and were not on its behalf.

At the same time, a Foreign Ministry spokesman denied that any mention of this month between Mrs Meir, the Israeli Premier, and George Macovescu, the Rumanian Deputy Foreign Minister, was on a three-day visit.

Sculptor fete

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Museum curators and art noisemakers from many parts of the world are expected to attend celebrations in the Israel Museum on Tuesday to mark the birthday of Jacques Lipchitz sculptor.

CALENDAR

Friday, July 30 (Av 8), beginning at 8.

Saturday, July 31 (Av 9), of the Law (Torah) Deuteronomy 1, 1 to 3, 21. Port Prophets (Tallara) Isaiah Sabbath ends (in London).

Sunday, August 1 (Av 10), Festival of the Law (Torah) Deuteronomy 4, 25-40. Afternoon: Isaiah 1, 1 to 11, 1. Morning: Isaiah 58, 6 to 56, 1. Armin: Isaiah 14, 2-10 and 10-20.

The Sabbath tomorrow evening will be at 8.45 and will end in London on evening at 9.45.

Friday, August 6 (Av 15), Festival of Av, Sabbath begins.

NOTABLE DAYS

1971	1972
Fast of Av	Sun.
1973	
New Year 1st day	Mon.
Fast of Gedaliah	Wed.
Day of Atonement	Wed.
Tabernacles 1st day	Mon.
Hoshana Rabba	Sun.
Shmini Atzeret	Mon.
Simchat Torah	Tues.
Chanukah	Mon.
Fast of Tevet	Tues.

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Doctors refuse to operate

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Doctors will refuse to operate on some patients who have already been admitted to Government hospitals. This is the latest move in their campaign which opened a fortnight ago to achieve pay parity with their colleagues in Kupat Cholim (the Sick Fund of the Labour Federation).

The country's health services are severely hit by the doctors' protest and the strike by administrative staffs in Government and Kupat Cholim hospitals.

Employees of the Jerusalem Religious Council, including ritual slaughterers and marriage registrars, have stopped work in support of their demands for parity of pay with their Tel Aviv colleagues.

Girls planned to destroy hotels

Lydia

Three girl "tourists" were found guilty by a military court here on Tuesday of attempting to smuggle explosives into Israel in order to blow up a number of hotels. Sentences will be announced later.

Two of the girls, Nadia and Marlene Bardell, aged 28 and 21 respectively, Moroccan-born sisters living in Paris, admitted the charges. The third, Evelyn Barl, 28, a German-born French citizen, denied them.

Police said that the three girls concealed explosives and timing devices in their handbags and luggage when they arrived from Brussels in April. They had forged French passports and were acting on orders of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Pierre Buchhalter, 69, and his wife Edith, 60, pleaded not guilty. (Reuters)

Love's way

From our Correspondent—Tel Aviv

Love has once more conquered all this time in Israel's largest city. A Tel Aviv mother who objected to her daughter's proposed marriage partner testified before a rabbinical court that she and her daughter were not Jewish, hoping that this would prevent the wedding.

Nothing daunted the daughter proceeded to go through a ceremony of conversion—and then discovered that her prospective husband was a Cohen and could now not marry her, because a Cohen is forbidden to marry a convert.

Meanwhile, the mother relented, returned to the rabbinic and confessed that she had given false testimony and that both she and her daughter were Jewish. So the marriage took place after all.

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extended the ceasefire but at the same time he has set the end of this year as the deadline for war or peace.

His timing is believed to have been deliberately intended to coincide with the arrival in Israel of Mr Sisco. The Egyptian leader clearly wanted to create an atmosphere of crisis. Egyptian press and radio announcements that their forces have been placed on a "full combat alert" are seen in Jerusalem as part of the same campaign.

However, it is being emphasised here that Jerusalem will not be panicked into making concessions. Most Ministers share the view that Israel has lost nothing by her present policy of sitting tight and that it is the Egyptians—who have so much to gain from a Canal settlement—who must demonstrate a more reasonable approach.

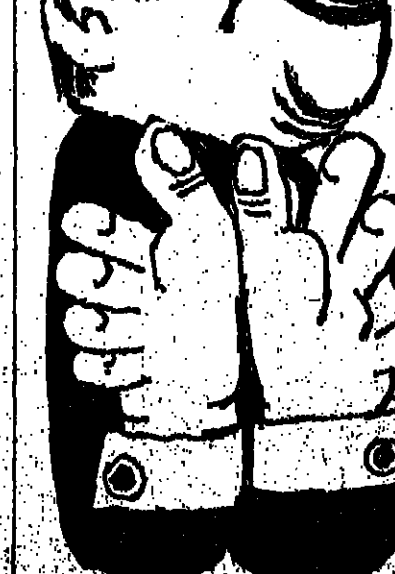
Our Washington Correspondent cables:

Mr Sisco is hoping to narrow the gap between Israel and Egypt for an interim Canal settlement. He is encouraged by what are considered here the moderate

speeches by President Sadat at this week's congress of the Arab Socialist Union. Mr Sisco has also been heartened by the reverses inflicted on extremist Arabs in Morocco, Jordan and the Sudan.

President Nurel's successful counter-coup in Sudan has strengthened Mr Sisco's argument that the Russians are by no means securely in control anywhere in the Middle East and that active USA diplomacy is required to exploit the differences between the Soviet Union and her Arab clients.

The Russians are said to be worried by the possibility of an anti-Communist front in the Middle East led by Saudi Arabia and Libya.



Eddie's ecstasy

He's just discovered how money he is going to save by placing his New Year Green announcement in the J.C. on September 27th. And more apart, he doesn't have to pay for printers, cardshops, sticking, address lists and what has forgotten.

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